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VAT on fuel is opposed by 92% in poll

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NINETY-TWO per cent of the population oppose the imposition of VAT on home heating bills, rising to 99 per cent in Scotland, a MORI poll for *The Times* has found.

The extent of public hostility to the new tax was revealed as Conservative politicians were divided over hints from Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that he will extend VAT to zero-rated goods in his November budget. These include newspapers, books, magazines, and children's clothes.

Although right-wing MPs sighed with relief after the chancellor virtually ruled out a rise in the basic rate of income tax, some backbenchers still predict that any tax increases would be electorally disastrous for the party.

The MORI poll found almost no support for the government's plan to extend VAT to home heating bills from next April. Most people would also object to Mr Clarke imposing VAT on zero-rated goods. The poll showed that 83 per cent of Tory supporters share Baroness Thatcher's disapproval of VAT on domestic fuel.



Clarke: dropped hints of extending VAT

The extension of 17.5 per cent VAT to children's clothes is also widely unpopular. The poll found that 94 per cent of those questioned objected to it, including 90 per cent of Tory supporters. Tax on books was opposed by 80 per cent of all voters and 73 per cent of Conservatives.

Lord Howe, the former chancellor, said last night it was right in principle to tax spending rather than income. Sir Rhodes Boyson, of the Tory backbench 1922 committee, insisted that any tax increases would be "a breach of faith".

☐ *MORI questioned 1,819 adults aged 18 and over in 143 constituencies between September 16 and 20.*

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Passionate Prescott speech clinches historic defeat of block vote

Smith carries the day

■ *John Smith's victory over the unions on voting reforms has strengthened his authority as Labour leader and puts the pressure back on John Major*

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Smith yesterday scraped to a narrow but precious victory in his battle to reform Labour's links with the trade unions and bring greater democracy to the party.

Having stared defeat in the face at lunchtime, the Labour leader was last night celebrating after the party conference in Brighton accepted his "one member one vote" proposals for the selection of parliamentary candidates.

Mr Smith had been thrown an unexpected lifeline by the white-collar Manufacturing Science and Finance Union and then victory was clinched by a barnstorming closing speech from John Prescott. Mr Smith later described his win as an important step towards victory at the next general election. The party had shown maturity, commonsense and judgment, he said.

Earlier his supporters had every reason to be gloomy. At around 12.40 pm, Mr Smith made a personal plea to Mr Prescott to intervene after a last-minute attempt to convert smaller unions to his cause failed and he concluded that he would lose the most important of a series of votes on party democracy.

Mr Prescott, an avowed traditionalist, has strong union links and nobody in the shadow cabinet would have carried greater weight with union and party delegates. He rose to the challenge with a passionate speech, declaring: "The man who is our leader has put his head on the block. It is time for Labour delegates to support him."

The performance earned Mr Prescott a standing ovation and was seen as having boosted his chances in any future deputy leadership election. There is a growing expectation that Margaret Beckett could be challenged after her lukewarm backing for Mr Smith this week, and Mr Prescott is understood to have told Mr Smith that the press would present his speech as a deputy leadership bid. The transport spokesman insisted that Mrs Beckett be brought in to the discussion and she approved.

Mr Smith said afterwards that he thought it appropriate that Mr Prescott should wind up and he had done so brilliantly. Asked whether it was a deputy leader's speech Mr Smith said: "We have very good deputy leader already."

Mr Prescott's task had been to persuade waverers among the constituency delegates who have 30 per cent of the vote and who effectively held Mr Smith's fate in their hands after the MSFU had decided to abstain. That decision meant the anti-reform movement suddenly lost 4.5 per cent of the conference vote represented by its 304,000 members and in the end, Mr Smith's rule-change was carried by 47.5 per cent to 44.4 per cent.

Before that, Mr Smith had suffered a reverse on the transport workers' motion calling for a return to the old system of selecting candidates, but that was swiftly cancelled out by another successful motion backing his scheme and the final result was a clear victory for the party leader because rule-change votes take precedence.

Neil Kinnock, who began Labour's modernisation drive and played a key role in attempting to win over union delegations, said the outcome underpinned Mr Smith's stature. "It took a lead. It took courage and he has won — and he has won on his own terms." The results suggested that the constituency parties had voted two to one in favour of Mr Smith.

Mr Smith had continued his high-risk strategy to the last. He left himself no escape route and declared in his speech at the start of yesterday's debate that failure for his reforms could mean Labour losing a fifth successive general election. "The changes I propose today are vital — absolutely central to our strategy for winning power," he said.

But his leading opponent John Edmonds, of the GMB general union, confronted Mr Smith directly, saying: "On this issue John you are asking too much of us." The change could foreshadow an even greater erosion of union influence in Labour affairs. Afterwards, he simply said: "Thank God it is all over."

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John Smith reacts to the announcement of the key vote on one member one vote at Brighton yesterday



Legal aid claim by 100 names at Lloyd's

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 100 ruined Lloyd's names are to get legal aid in their attempts to win compensation for hundreds of millions of pounds of insurance losses.

The Legal Aid Board, which granted the assistance, is now expected to be swamped by applications from dozens more of the 17,000 names pursuing actions. To get full aid they will have to prove that their income is less than £44 a week and their savings total less than £3,000.

The names are trying to recover losses which have pushed many into "hardship", the Lloyd's equivalent of bankruptcy. In the past three years names have been hit with losses of more than £5 billion and Lloyd's has told them to expect more than £1 billion next year. The losses largely relate to disasters including Hurricane Andrew, the Piper Alpha oil platform disaster and the sinking of the Exxon Valdez.

The decision of the Legal Aid Board could cost the taxpayer more than £250,000, but if the ruined names win their court battles for compensation this will be recovered. Under Department of Social Security rules those whose income is between £44 and £130 a week will bear a proportion of the legal costs.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, which represents more than 2,500 names who are taking legal action to recover their losses, said: "The requirements are so rigorous that only a minority of names will meet them."

Among those who have already received approval from the board are Gooda Walker and Feltrim names, some of the market's hardest hit members. Feltrim Names Association, which represents more than 1,700, is trying to recover £660 million while Gooda Walker is trying to recover £400 million.

Injured girl defies doctors by walking and talking

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

A GIRL aged five who has had severe brain damage since birth has astonished doctors by making a recovery that allows her to walk and talk for the first time.

Katy Tyler was almost asphyxiated at birth. Her parents, from Owermoigne, near Weymouth in Dorset, were told her condition would never improve. Four months into a programme of stimulation therapy, her mother, Jackie, a mathematics lecturer, says she has transformed.

Katy, who early this year could say only two words and could hardly crawl, can now put together sentences. "Before she could only say 'duck' and 'tic-toc'. Now she can repeat any word you say to her. She knows three nursery rhymes and can sing parts of four songs," Mrs Tyler said.

Katy's brain damage meant that she could hardly see, had little sense of balance and co-ordination and could not understand even simple commands. Mrs Tyler heard of a therapy programme at the British Institute for Brain Injured Children, a charity whose patron is the Duchess of York, and decided to try it.

The institute's technique is to pinpoint the point a brain damaged child's development stops and use sensory stimulation to use parts of the brain which have not been damaged but which normally may lie dormant. Mrs Tyler and her husband, Tony, a nuclear safety engineer, carried out the programme at home with 15 volunteers who provided the daily four hours of stimulation that Katy needed.

"It once seemed she would never be able to go to a mainstream school but that is my hope for her now," Mrs Tyler said.

The institute, based in Bridgwater, Somerset, was set up 21 years ago. More than 1,200 children have been treated at the centre.

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Rebel general threatens to open fire on Yeltsin troops

BY ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Russian government yesterday issued a new deadline for deputies to quit the blockaded parliament in Moscow as the death of a traffic policeman and the threat of further violence kept tensions high.

A government statement said the deputies, resisting President Yeltsin's decree dissolving parliament, had until next Monday to surrender their weapons and leave the White House building. The statement gave warning of serious consequences if they refused but pledged not to use firearms to enforce the order.

A previous 24-hour deadline set by police, who have ringed the building, expired yesterday without incident. The deputies have pledged to continue to meet in the White House and some have said they would fight until the end.

Interfax quoted former General Albert Makashov, a nationalist formally in charge of the parliament's volunteer guards, as saying his men would shoot at any troops that came too close.

Makashov, dismissed from the armed forces after a communist coup in 1991, declared in a statement from the White House balcony that his men would fire without warning.

Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, said yesterday that militant nationalists were pressing for a campaign of terrorist attacks against Russian leaders and gave warning of large-scale bloodshed. He said there was no sign of dissent in the armed forces.

As security forces tried to herd protesters away from the outer barricades yesterday morning, riot police engaged the demonstrators for the first time, knocking several elderly people to the ground. There were no casualties. A policeman, hurt in traffic confusion around the White House on Tuesday evening, died during the night.

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Cancer blunder may have killed dozens

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

AN ERROR by a hospital technician, which resulted in more than 1,000 cancer patients receiving the wrong dose of radiation, may have caused dozens of unnecessary deaths, the report of an independent enquiry said yesterday.

The error, involving an incorrectly programmed X-ray machine at the North Staffordshire Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent, went undetected for ten years. The patients, 401 of whom have since died, received doses of radiation up to 35 per cent lower than prescribed, which in some cases would not have been enough to kill the cancer cells.

A further 91 patients have had recurrences of their cancers. The enquiry, by independent specialists, said it was impossible to be sure how many patients died because the doses of radiation were too low and how many would have died anyway, but the number was "likely to be in the tens rather than the hundreds". The report said that a small reduction in the correct radiation dose could result in a very large fall in the cure rate.

Lawyers for the patients and their families said 127 claims for compensation had been lodged against the North Staffordshire health authority.

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Verbal bulldozer clears the way for Smith's reforms

CONFERENCE SKETCH

"I'm a typical creature of the movement," he roared. Terror gripped the faint-hearted. Yesterday in Brighton, John Prescott went 12 rounds with the English language and left it slumped and bleeding over the ropes. Among the collateral damage were thousands of Mr Smith's critics, many trade union dinosaurs, several big composite motions and Margaret Beckett's political career. And all this in quarter of an hour! Such gratuitous violence should be kept off our television screens for fear of frightening old ladies.

Other politicians pre-release "transcripts" of their speeches. The very thought of a Prescott transcript is laughable. Before his speeches are delivered, Mr Prescott is unaware of what he is going to say; after they are over, nobody has the least idea what he has said. Any transcript would be gibberish — nouns, adjectives and unattached parts of speech lying among the verbal wreckage like a rose garden after a bulldozer. Yet, somehow, everybody guesses what he meant.

I dare not offer a summary, any more than I could provide the precis of a multiple pile-up, of which Prescott's speeches are the literary equivalent. His off-the-cuff rendering of the Lord's Prayer would read like this ...

"Our Heaven which Thou art hallowed in Be Thy name Father to give us ongoing daily delivery of this trespassing to Kingdom come and will Thy be done on earth for Heaven's sake as it is! And forgive us this day our evil bread likewise also deliver us not into any leading temptations like we do if they do it unto us because Thy power is in the Kingdom of the Glory and ... [stops to pant] *Amen! Comrades for ever!* [wild cheers and standing ovation].

Prescott's relationship with his mother tongue ranks with *Moby Dick* as one of the great adversarial contests of all time: a life spent pursuing our language with a vengeful fervour. Yesterday he cornered and flattened it. The destruction, simultaneously, of political enemies was incidental.

Still, Smith looked pleased. After breakfast he had seemed tense, sitting beside Margaret Beckett, the pair just close enough to avoid any impression that they were recoiling from each other. Both their political lives were at risk. Together, on a perilous tiger-shoot, neither the one the other would have chosen: the Charles and Diana of the Labour leadership, eyes never meeting.

Smith's speech went well enough, though it was odd to note a flat silence when he said: "We are the party of change."

Such a sentiment would be greeted amiably at a Liberal or Tory gathering. Bill Jordan of the AEEU (hissed) roused them with a speech that went straight to the point: block votes.

It was here that I noticed, whether or not they wanted block voting, the whole hall was indulging in block clapping. Two blocks of seated delegates, separated by about 50 yards, had failed to stand for Smith. Now they failed to clap Jordan. Everyone else did.

But when John Edmonds of the GMB began to speak, these blocks clapped wildly, while the remainder froze.

One part of the hall was the photographic negative of the other. Soon, block heckling was under way, too.

A strange day. As the TGWU's Bill Morris put it: "If Omov is the answer, it must have been a pretty silly question."

MATTHEW PARRIS

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Soldiers need more time with families, army wives plead

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of young army wives living in Germany yesterday sent out a cry for help to the government over the increasing amount of time their husbands are spending on operations away from home.

The pressure on marriages and home life has become so acute that the army has arranged for the first time to set up a freephone link through to the Samaritans and ChildLine in Britain.

The desperation of the servicemen's families in Germany emerged during the annual conference of the Federation of Army Wives at Bielefeld.

In the presence of Lord Cranborne, under-secretary of state for defence, and General Sir Charles Guthrie, commander-in-chief of the British Army of the Rhine, the wives complained that the reduction in army manpower and the increase in operational commitments meant their husbands spent less and less time at home.

In some cases, soldiers sent on an emergency tour of Northern Ireland from their bases in Germany returned home for only a few months before being sent off to Bosnia for six months.

Judy Newell, chairman of the Federation of Army Wives in Germany which has a membership of 16,000, said after the conference: "The morale of the wives is extremely low, particularly among the younger ones."

Soldiers who are to be sent on emergency tours, for instance to Northern Ireland or Bosnia, are supposed to have an interval of 24 months between missions. However, with the cutback in manpower under the Options for Change defence programme, the interval between tours has been significantly reduced.

Mrs Newell, wife of a lieutenant colonel in the Royal Artillery, said that some units had only eight to ten months back in Germany before they were sent off somewhere else. "And part of that time is spent away from home training for the next tour."

She said there was also concern about the third phase of army redundancies which are due to be announced in February next year. Many officers are expected to be made redundant.

The link to the Samaritans and ChildLine has been approved because the army is aware of the strains imposed on the families. Army welfare and marriage guidance organisations are also becoming increasingly involved in helping the young wives.

"It seems only right that families over here should have the same right to ring the Samaritans and ChildLine as they do in Britain," Mrs Newell said.There were no figures to prove that child abuse was increasing because of pressure on army families.

The Ministry of Defence said the rate of child abuse in army families was half the national average.

Under the Options for Change programme, British forces in Germany are to be cut by half. The British Army of the Rhine will cease to exist from next April.



Guthrie: heard of family concerns

Carey consecrates two new bishops

KENNY RODGER



A world away from the stormy waters that have assailed the Church of England since its acceptance of the ordination of women priests, a smiling Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, presided over two far calmer sees yesterday. The Most Rev Michael Bourke, left, and the Most Rev Rupert Hoare, right, were both consecrated as bishops during a service at Southwark Cathedral. Bishop Bourk has been given the see of Wolverhampton; his companion yesterday becomes the bishop of Dudley. Their views on the issue of women, a subject that has caused much division within the church and the loss of some priests to Catholicism, are not known

NEWS IN BRIEF

Heseltine will not address conference

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, will not address next week's Conservative party conference in Blackpool because of the heart attack he suffered in June (Sheila Gunn writes).

Mr Heseltine's decision has led to party strategists reorganising the agenda to give greater prominence to Michael Howard, the home secretary, and the debate on law and order. With home affairs attracting 244 resolutions, Mr Howard's debate has been brought forward to Wednesday morning to allow extra speakers.

The trade and industry debate, which will now be answered by Tim Sainsbury, the industry minister, and the health debate have been shifted to the less favoured Thursday afternoon slot.

Mr Heseltine is expected to attend the conference.

Libya bomb trial offer

On the eve of a United Nations deadline for tough new sanctions, Libya announced yesterday that the two Lockerbie bomb suspects, Abdel Baset Ali Mohammed al-Mewgrahi and Al-Amin Khalifa Fhimah, can stand trial in Scotland if they agree to give themselves up. In contrast to recent statements from Tripoli, which said that a fair trial in Scotland was not possible, the latest move could be the first sign that the two men will be sent to Britain. But Foreign Office sources remained sceptical, saying the move might be the latest in Libya's "cat and mouse game" over the blast.

Hoover offer 'naive'

Hoover customers unable to claim free flights offered by the company in a promotion last year will have to go to the civil courts if they want compensation. Yesterday trading standards officers reported that Hoover was naive and gullible but did not break the law by offering flights it was later unable to provide. The officers, from Mid-Glamorgan, had spent 1,400 hours investigating 2,000 complaints from angry, disappointed customers who had spent more than £100 to qualify for two flights. Hoover has its headquarters at Merthyr Tydfil.

Cyprus frees Briton

The Cyprus government last night ordered the release of a man from South Shields, Tyne and Wear, who became a gunman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation and was sentenced to life imprisonment eight years ago for his part in the murder of three Israeli tourists. Ian Michael Davison was to be deported and flown back to Britain.

Last chance for fire deal

Firefighters could get an improved pay offer tomorrow in a final effort to avert a second national fire strike. Local authority employers may propose staging the pay increase due to Britain's 48,000 firefighters under their index-linked wage formula in an attempt to avoid the restrictions of the government's public sector pay policy.

Security man accused



Michael Brett, 37, a security adviser, of Purley, Surrey, was accused yesterday of plotting to murder Donald Urquhart (right), 55, a millionaire businessman shot on a London street in January. Marylebone court remanded him in custody for a week. Graeme West, 32, of Thornton Heath, Surrey, and Geoffrey Heath, 34, of Maltby, South Yorkshire, are in custody, also charged with conspiracy to murder.

Father on sex charges

An Old Bailey court clerk who pioneered video links for child witnesses in sex abuse cases will stand trial charged with molesting a ten-year-old boy. John Maplestone, 53, a father of two from Hayling Island, Hampshire, denied two counts of indecent assault when he appeared at Chichester Crown Court yesterday. He was freed on bail.

Inmate refuses bail

A man serving a 21-day prison sentence for contempt of court refuses to leave jail because the conditional bail he has been granted bars him from attending his son's trial at Cheltenham magistrates' court. Richard Johnson, 38, of Cheltenham, has instructed his lawyers to appeal to the Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg against the condition.

Swans hit by oil slick

RSPCA staff were fighting to save a flock of wild mute swans yesterday after they swam into an oil slick accidentally discharged from a ferry at Ipswich. One was dead and others suffering potentially fatal oil damage caused by polluted water from the ferry *Norsky*, which sails daily to Rotterdam.

Lottery regulator named

The former deputy chairman of Abbey National has been appointed regulatory adviser of the National Lottery. Peter Brooke, the heritage minister, announced yesterday. Peter Davis, an accountant, is expected to be made director general when lottery legislation is given royal assent in early November.

Private help for police

Private security firms could save the police £100 million a year by providing a "first response" to alarm signals, 98 per cent of which were false. David Dickinson, of Group 4 Security, told a conference in Manchester yesterday. He said the private sector had no ambitions to undertake the primary role of the police.

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Hungover thieves rob rare plant

BY ANDREW PIERCE

ONE of the world's rarest plants has been damaged by thieves who were, presumably, seeking its legendary healing powers for hangovers and venereal diseases.

Five of the 12 shoots on the last surviving *café marron* were taken from the bush-like species, which is surrounded by security fencing on the Indian Ocean island of Rodrigues. The World Wide Fund for Nature, the Mauritian government and Kew Gardens have joined forces to try to save the 6ft plant because of its historic and medicinal significance. The plant, famed on the island for its cures for sexual diseases, is now sterile, according to Mike Maunder, head of the conservation unit at Kew.

Mr Maunder says: "It is tottering on the brink of extinction. It is significant not just because of its medicinal qualities but because it is symbolic of the island and the fight to preserve its rapidly disappearing wildlife."

Since 1986 Mr Maunder and his team have been trying with only limited success to propagate the plant at Kew. But in the past few weeks they believe they have made a breakthrough. He said: "The plant is flowering and looking good. We have made one unsuccessful attempt to take it back to the island. We are about to try again."

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Councils win ban on night flights

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

AIRLINE winter schedules were in confusion last night after a court ruling that government proposals to allow more night flights were illegal.

Mr Justice Laws upheld one of ten objections by five local authorities thus preventing the new night flight rules, due to begin at the end of next month, from becoming law.

Airlines throughout the world were thrown into confusion as many had rescheduled their flights to take advantage of the new rules. The transport department, which drew up the proposals, will probably have to rewrite them but even if they are then deemed lawful they will not be ready for at least a year.

The High Court ruling was welcomed by the five councils campaigning against the proposals which, they said, would "open the floodgates" for night flights. The department had proposed quotas allowing airlines using the latest, quietest aircraft to fly as many times as they wished at night while clamping down on older, noisier jets. Although the judge upheld the concept and rejected nine of the councils' arguments, he accepted that the minister had a duty to impose an absolute limit.

Although most scheduled airlines are not affected, charter operators had planned late-night winter flights.

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Experts clash over saving Three Graces

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

ART experts clashed yesterday over the sale of The Three Graces, bought by the Getty Museum in California, with some arguing that the public would be best served by letting the Canova sculpture go to America.

The work, described by Dr John Murdoch, assistant director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, as of "supreme national importance", is languishing in a warehouse owned by Christie's the auctioneers in southwest London. Since 1985 it has been on view to the public just once, briefly at the V&A in 1990.

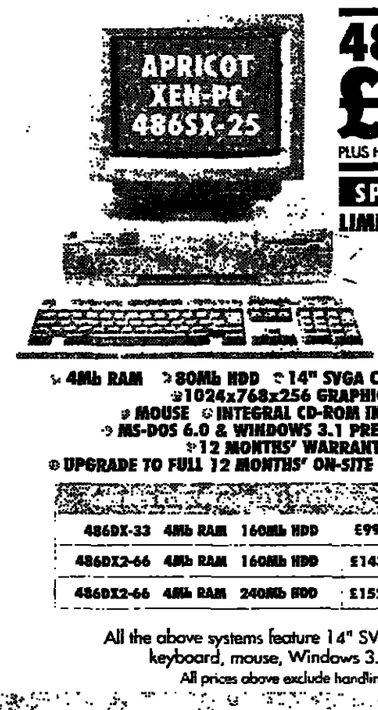
Although it has already been sold for £7.6 million, a heritage department committee is expected to defer granting an export licence to allow public bodies to match the price to keep the statue in Britain. The ability of museums to raise even half the money is, however, in doubt: a similar public appeal to save the statue in 1990 failed, but the deal with the Getty Museum then also fell through.

Mr Murdoch said that a funding package, including money from the government and and private individuals, was the best option. Others disagreed, saying the statue should be let go. Lord St John of Fawsley, chairman of the Fine Art Commission, said that a public appeal which failed "could do more harm than good", adding: "We must start with an initial sum of at least a third. If raising money is going to fail again it will make people seem philistine and damage future appeals."

The art historian Sir Roy Strong, a former director of the V&A, was even more adamant. He insisted that there were other, better, Canovas in Britain and that the public would not respond to an appeal. Lord Gowrie, chairman of the auctioneers Sotheby's, said some of the nation's Turners or Constables could be sold to raise funds as a last resort.

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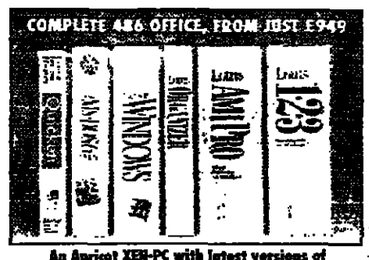
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In Saturday's The Times Magazine

Couple on trial after reconstructed face 'uncovered murder'

By Robin Young

A MURDER that had gone undetected for three years was uncovered by a scientific technique featured in the television drama *Prime Suspect 2*, a jury at the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Michael Doherty, 27, and Susan McGregor, 27, his common-law wife, of Kilburn, northwest London, denied murdering Sheila Taylor, 62, an artist who was thought to have died of natural causes in 1989. Police later received information that led them to believe Mrs Taylor might have been murdered, the court was told, and her body was exhumed from a pauper's grave in Kensal Green cemetery last year.

A new examination by Dr David Rouse, a senior pathologist, showed evidence of bruising, which suggested that she had been strangled or suffocated, Martin Heslop, for the prosecution, said. He said Dr Rouse found bruising to Mrs Taylor's tongue and neck and a fracture of the throat.

To help the investigation in the absence of any photographs of Mrs Taylor, who was described as "a sad and lonely figure" at the time of her death, it was decided, Mr Heslop said, that her skull should be used to recreate a likeness that might prompt witnesses to come forward. The process of reconstructing facial features from the skull using laser scanners and computers was featured in *Prime Suspect 2*, starring the actress Helen Mirren.

Mr Heslop said Dr Peter Vanezis, a leading forensic pathologist, had produced a portrait of Mrs Taylor that was so striking that when published in the *Evening Standard* it was immediately recognised.

Mr Heslop said the "crucial" witnesses who came forward provided evidence that showed Mrs Taylor had been murdered for her social security money by Mr Doherty and Miss McGregor, her flatmates. Mr Heslop claimed that Mr Doherty had boasted about pulling off the perfect murder. "He said he could not be done for it because the hospital believed she had died of a heart attack." Mr Heslop said. Mrs Taylor was an accomplished artist who had been widowed and "come down in the world". She lived in a squat in Kilburn with Mr Doherty and Miss McGregor, who were alcoholics. The couple claimed they found Mrs Taylor lying dead on the floor and, because she had a heart condition and there appeared to be no suspicious circumstances, their account was believed.

Later, Mr Heslop said, witnesses told police that the couple had admitted killing Mrs Taylor. Ezio Fumaggali told detectives that on the night Mrs Taylor died she had been very upset because she had found her social security benefit book, which allowed her £34 a week, in Mr Doherty's pocket.

Mr Fumaggali also claimed to have seen Mrs Taylor's body on the day of her death several hours before an ambulance was called.

Mr Heslop alleged that Mr Doherty had strangled Mrs Taylor and Miss McGregor helped by putting a pillow over her face. As well as denying Mrs Taylor's murder, the couple also deny attacking and robbing Mr Fumaggali, who said they had robbed and tried to suffocate him at the squat in February 1990.

Mr Heslop said the defendants attacked Mr Fumaggali when he returned to collect some of his property after moving out of the basement flat. He claimed that Mr Fumaggali would have been killed if there had not been someone who intervened. As it was, he broke his right thigh, had to use crutches for two years, and now has one leg shorter than the other.

The trial continues.


SIMON WALKER

Ray Scott walking yesterday on the beach at Folkestone, a setting-off point for swimmers attempting the Channel endurance test

Unlikely hero wins battle for Channel swimmers


Mr Scott ready for a swim some years ago

By Craig Lord

CAPTAIN Webb would have been proud. For 118 years after he conquered the English Channel, the battle for his legacy has been won and the Strait of Dover preserved as a haunt for the adventuring spirit of sport.

Bureaucrats on both sides, the more determined from France, had proposed to ban swimming in the Channel, their concern for shipping safety outweighing their desire to uphold a British tradition that has since 1875 been followed by swimmers from 47 nations striving to claim one of the supreme prizes of personal endurance.

Enter Ray Scott, 77-year-old veteran of the Channel Swimming Association. Last year, when he was chairman of the association, he was invited to the transport department to discuss his group's activities in view of the rise in Channel shipping traffic.

He and his wife, Audrey, then secretary, travelled to London with two pilots from the boats that guide swimmers, to be told that Channel swimming might have to end, so that tighter controls on smaller vessels could be met after accidents such as the *Amoco Cadiz* oil spill.

Undaunted, Mr Scott pointed to the strict controls imposed on swimmers — ten hours' continuous swimming in waters of 60F must be endured before entrants are allowed to attempt a crossing — and emphasized that the fishermen piloting the guide boats were among the most experienced Channel sailors.

Mr Scott said: "Their fears were genuine. At the end of the day, however, they took a reasonable and sensible attitude and we were much relieved."

Yet still the day was not won. For Admiral Canon, head of the préfecture maritime at Cherbourg, fired a broadside at the Channel swimmers by ordering that all sports activities be banned in French waters more than 300 metres from the coast.

With just two months to go before the start of the Channel swimming season, Mr Scott, a French speaker, called Cherbourg. "It was tough talking," he said. "But we won the day. He was convinced of our procedures and our pilots' experience. After all, we have not had one accident in 118 years."

In late March, a letter from France said that Channel swimming could continue but only through the offices of the association. Madcap independents will be fished out by the coastguard.

The victory was tinged with sadness, for Mrs Scott died just a month later. But their efforts, until now kept secret, have won plaudits and the admiration of the swimming family.

Wife tells how bees killed her husband

By Ian Murray

A PROFESSOR of medicine at Oxford University died of a heart attack after suffering a massive allergic reaction when stung on the face and throat by bees he kept for a hobby, an inquest was told yesterday.

Oxford coroner's court was told Ralph Johnson, 59, a leading neurologist and dean of postgraduate medical studies at the university, had been stung fatally on July 1 while checking hives at his home at Overy, Oxfordshire.

His widow, Gillian, 46, told the court: "We had on overalls, wellington boots, long leather gauntlets and hats with veils which came down and were elasticated around the chest. As we checked the old hive the bees were obviously a bit concerned.

"My husband said he was sweating and thought he was attracting the bees. He set off to go back to the house. He didn't indicate that anything was wrong and was calm."

Mrs Johnson said she then heard her daughter, Rachael, calling for help saying there were bees all over her father. "I ran back to the house and found him collapsed. His veil was off and Rachael had got the bees off him." She said that her husband suffered a heart attack brought on by the venom and died in the garden. He had been bitten before, but had not suffered any particular reaction.

Mike Harris, a professional beekeeper who had been helping them, said: "I looked for stings and removed five — one from each eye lid, one from the nose, one on the throat and one on the forehead. He was visibly swelling and was in shock."

Dr Harold Riches, past president of the British Beekeeping Association, said in a statement that Dr Johnson suffered a rare fatal allergy to bee venom because he was hyper-sensitive.

Nicholas Gardiner, the coroner, recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.

☐ According to Dr Anthony Redmond, an American allergy specialist, a desensitisation treatment readily available in the US and Europe might have saved Dr Johnson's life had it been available in Britain.

'Kamikaze' passenger sues BR

By A Staff Reporter

AN ELDERLY woman who allegedly performed a parachute roll as she and her sister leapt from a moving train was awarded more than £6,000 compensation yesterday.

Freda Braithwaite, 81, was described as a "kamikaze grandmother" when she sued British Rail for negligence for allowing the train to pull out of the station while she and her two sisters were still getting off.

Mrs Braithwaite, from Hartlepool, Cleveland, spent six months on crutches after the leap which, she told Middlesbrough County Court, happened when she panicked about missing the stop at Shenstone, Staffordshire, in July 1991.

Her barrister, David Gripton, said: "The British Transport report is that the train moved off perfectly properly and that suddenly a suitcase came flying out of a window, a door opened and two elderly ladies started doing parachute rolls onto the platform." Counsel for British Rail claimed the women had been talking so intently that they did not notice their stop until it was too late.

But Judge Briggs said he believed that Mrs Braithwaite and her sisters had not been given sufficient time to leave the train before the guard gave the all-clear. He found British Rail negligent and awarded Mrs Braithwaite £6,384 compensation.

Couple told they are too fat to foster

By Ian Murray

A COUPLE have been told they cannot continue to be foster parents because they are too fat.

Yvonne Edwards, who is 33, 5ft 6in and 23st, said yesterday she was devastated by the decision. Over the past seven years, she and her husband Tony have fostered nine children.

"We have been told we are bad role models and that our eating habits set a bad example," she said. "But we are loving and caring and none of the children who have been in our house over the years has put on weight."

Mr Edwards, 42, 5ft 10in and 31st, said: "We have put on some weight over the last few years but it is no problem. I help out at the local youth club and still play soccer once a week. There are lots of overweight parents who do a good job. Surely what matters is that a child is brought up in a loving and caring home?"

South Glamorgan social services said the decision followed a medical report in which the couple's obesity was taken into account. "Looking after a young child is a demanding and stressful job and foster parents have to be in good condition," Michael Thomas, the department spokesman, said. "The couple's personal situation has changed but I can confirm there has never been a complaint about their performance as foster parents."

Prisoner on run stabbed PC eight times

A MAN who stabbed a policeman eight times with a flick knife was yesterday found guilty of attempted murder.

Sentencing was adjourned on Robert McNeill, 23, who had been jailed for five years for stabbing a man through the heart but had escaped from prison in Scotland last December.

The Old Bailey was told that PC Martin Dudley, 32, had been on patrol in Deptford, southeast London, in the early hours with two police women when they saw two men acting suspiciously.

The two women approached McNeill and his brother, Richard, and a struggle broke out. PC Dudley was on his knees, holding McNeill, who was offering no resistance, when he turned round to check that his fellow officers were all right. As he turned, McNeill struck, shouting "I will kill you" as he plunged the flick knife repeatedly into PC Dudley's body.

PC Dudley told the court: "I sensed an intense pain in my left shoulder. From that point it becomes slightly more hazy. I remember just the intense pain in my back. I remember letting go and sensing he had been taken from me by others."

Sergeant Julie Hitchings said she hit McNeill with her truncheon until he let go of the knife.

Anthony Scott-Gall, for the prosecution, said that PC Dudley was taken to Lewisham Hospital in a grave condition. He was bleeding heavily from a near-severed artery in his left arm and seven other stab wounds to the chest, back, neck and leg. The constable spent two days in intensive care and two weeks in hospital.

Mr Scott-Gall said: "He [McNeill] deliberately and repeatedly stabbed him about the upper part of the body trying to kill him. He launched a deliberate and brutal attack. If he hadn't been taken to hospital so quickly, he would have died."

McNeill, from Blantyre, Strathclyde, but living with his brother at Rotherhithe, southeast London, had admitted malicious wounding but denied attempted murder and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

He said he had been drinking wine, lager, cider and champagne and could not remember anything.

Judge Machin ordered the wounding with intent charge to lie on file.

McNeill's brother Richard was earlier sentenced to six months for actual bodily harm to the women police officers.

Joke comes true for hospital lightbulbs

By Alan Hamilton

LIGHTBULBS, once the inspiration for a string of jokes on the manpower needed to change them, are suddenly no laughing matter. Especially lightbulbs in hospitals.

In a typical hospital, it takes six staff an astonishing 17 separate actions to change a bulb, according to Sir David Cooksey, chairman of the Audit Commission. The administration involved in replacing a dud lamp takes 20 minutes for each bulb, which when multiplied by the number of bulbs in an average hospital adds up to the equivalent of major surgery.

Sir David, whose commission monitors public spending, was highlighting the amount of money being wasted in the NHS when he addressed a conference of opted-out hospital administrators in Torquay. Much of the money spent on administrative costs could be switched to patient care, Sir David said.

Another instance of waste of public money highlighted by Sir David was the 127 minutes it took in some hospitals to produce one X-ray.

Question: how many feminists/Californians/hippies does it take to change a lightbulb? Answer: six — one to change the bulb and five to share the experience. Sadly, that is no longer a joke.

Question: how many psychiatrists does it take to change a lightbulb? Only one, but the bulb has really to want to change.



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Patients sue over cancer radiotherapy blunder

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 100 cancer patients given wrong doses of radiation because of a hospital blunder are to seek hundreds of thousands of pounds in compensation after a report said the error could have led to dozens of unnecessary deaths.

The patients are among more than 1,000 who received radiotherapy from a wrongly programmed machine over ten years at the North Staffordshire Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent. Some patients were given doses of radiation up to 35 per cent lower than prescribed.

A report by independent experts into the error, published yesterday, said 401 of the patients had since died. It added: "It is impossible to be sure how many patients have died because of the underdosages and how many would have died anyway. But the number is likely to be in the tens rather than the hundreds. It would be impossible to identify these patients individually."

A further 91 patients who are still alive have suffered a recurrence of their cancers, including 26 who have had surgery to remove their bladders. The report said a number of these operations may not have been necessary had the patients received the full dose of radiotherapy.

James Evans, chairman of the solicitors' steering committee which is handling the claims, said the report was "very damning". He compared the case to that at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital in 1988 in which about 100 patients who received excess radiation were paid £5 million compensation. A human error by Margaret Grievson, a medical physicist with 30 years experience, caused the underdosage. She programmed a correction factor into the X-ray system computer, which adjusts the dose according to the distance of the X-ray source from the skin, without realising the correction factor was already built in, so a double correction was made. Patients with cancers of the lung, bladder, cervix, oesophagus, rectum, prostate and lining of the womb were affected. Ms Grievson was temporarily removed from her post but later re-instated.

The independent clinical enquiry by Dr Thelma Bates and Dr Dan Ash, consultant radiotherapists, said an "adverse effect was possible" in the 492 patients who had died of cancer or in whom it had recurred following radiotherapy. Their chances of cure had varied from 10 to 80 per cent.

The report said: "Approximately 200 patients had a 10 per cent or less chance of cure at the outset and for the vast majority of the others it was less than 50 per cent. A relatively small reduction in radiation dose can result in a very large fall in cure rate."

North Staffordshire Hospital said it was setting up 10 helplines to deal with calls in the wake of the report.

Stuart Gray, chief executive, said the recommendations of an earlier enquiry by Sir Peter Baldwin into the steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence had been fully implemented.

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Margaret Murphy, left, who had her bowel removed after treatment at the hospital, centre, and Dr Dan Ash, right, one of the report's authors

Invalidity benefit 'misused'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

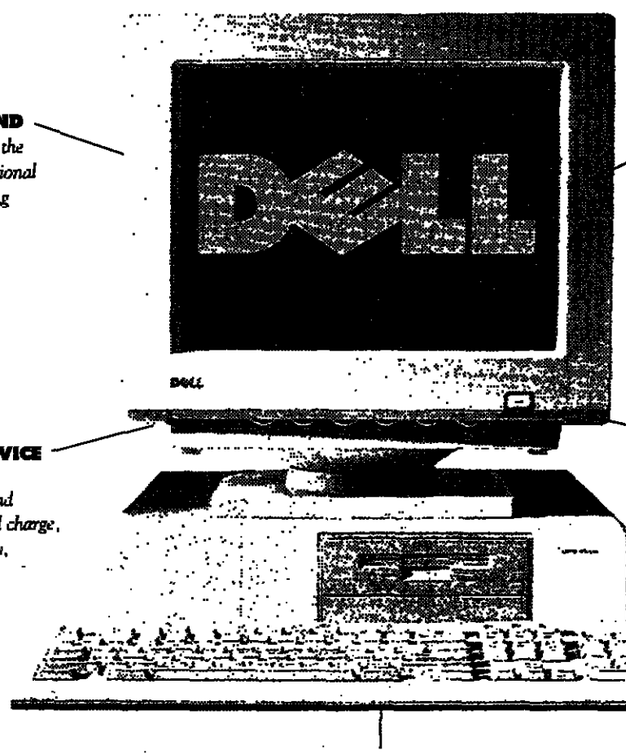
INVALIDITY benefit has become a form of early pension used by many claimants as a bridge between work and retirement, according to a government study.

Most people claiming the benefit do not expect to work again, the report says. Four-fifths of those questioned, especially men over 50, said they did not expect to return to work. Many had been claiming benefit for more than two years and had "lost touch with the Labour market".

Women under 50 who have claimed benefit for shorter periods are most likely to return to work after claiming invalidity benefit, which is payable to those unable to work through illness or injury for more than six months.

The social security department survey, based on interviews of 1,026 people, suggests that those on benefit should retain closer links with the workplace to encourage them to return to work.

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Families divided on compensation fight

DAVID Edwards' wife Jean died of bladder cancer less than a week after their wedding on Valentine's day last year. Nine months earlier she had a six-week course of radiotherapy at the North Staffordshire hospital but it failed to shrink her tumour sufficiently for surgeons to remove it.

The 44-year-old mother of two had wanted to sue the health authority but her husband abandoned legal action because it would open wounds he was trying to heal.

"I want to remember Jean as she was before she became very ill," he said. "A lengthy compensation case would bring all those memories flooding back. Even more than a year after her death it is still very painful for me. Had she received the right treatment she could have been here today."

Margaret Murphy had surgery to remove her bowel after radiation treatment at the North Staffordshire hospital failed to cure her cancer. She has a colostomy and says the operation has ruined her life. "I am glad to be alive but I am no longer a whole woman. I feel like a misfit. The treatment took away my womanhood."

Ms Murphy, who has six children, was 40 when she had the treatment nine years ago on inaccurately programmed radiotherpay equipment at the hospital. She still attends the hospital for regular check ups.

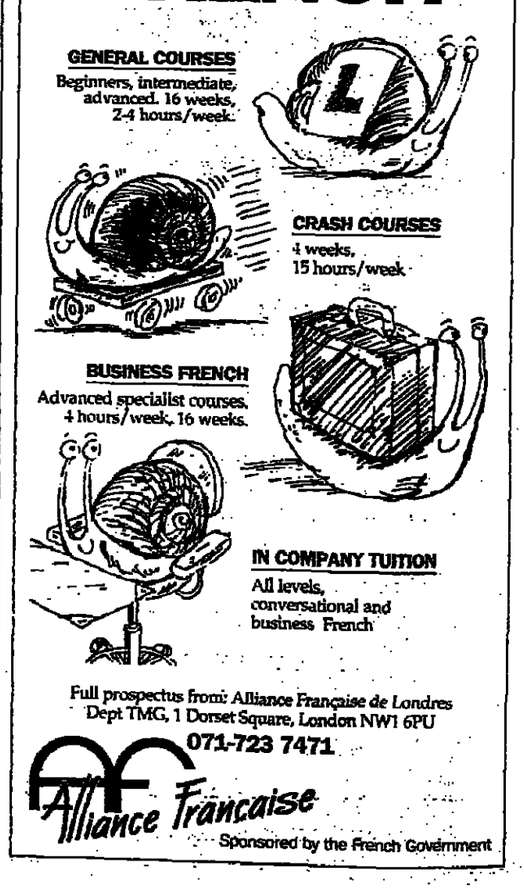
"My life is ruled and has to revolve around the colostomy. I can not travel far and only visit close family because the colostomy is so embarrassing. The more I worry about it the worse it seems to get."

Ms Murphy, who is registered disabled, is one of over 100 patients and relatives suing the North Staffordshire Health Authority. She said: "No amount of money can improve my quality of life. I was the victim of a terrible error and could have died. If I had received the right dosage I may have been well today."

Warren Steele, whose wife Denise, 32, had radiotherapy treatment before she died from cervical cancer in 1989, said he would demand compensation. "She might still be alive if she had got the right treatment. In my own mind I haven't been able to bury her for the past four years."

Mr Steele, 40, is living on benefits after giving up his job to look after his two children, now aged 13 and 10. "I shall keep pressing for compensation. A life saving machine was not working properly because it was never checked for ten years. I find that absolutely incredible."

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New writers join fast lane to bestseller list

BY JOE JOSEPH

SIX first-time novelists are being plucked from obscurity and catapulted onto the UK bestseller lists in a book promotion that will be the envy of the better-known authors shortlisted for the Booker Prize. The campaign, backed by leading booksellers WH Smith, could be described as the literary equivalent of winning the pools.

"In commercial terms, it's better to be chosen for this promotion than to be shortlisted for the Booker," said Fiona Kennedy, who heads the paperback fiction department at W H Smith.

In return for the publishers agreeing to bypass the hardback stage of publication and to bring the novels out directly as £4.99 paperbacks, W H Smith has agreed to buy at least 20,000 copies of each title, and to promote all of the novels in its 500 stores around the country next February. Most debut novels by unknown authors will probably sell about 600 copies when published in hard covers.

Since one in every four paperback novels sold in Britain is bought at W H Smith, the six chosen for the promotion will go straight into the bestseller lists, according to Ms Kennedy, who tested the scheme earlier this year. "I'd be very surprised if they don't, probably within a week of the promotion starting," she said.

The oldest of the authors to have been selected is Joyce Windsor, a former civil servant in her seventies who wrote her novel after her husband died and she had retired to the Isle of Wight. "I must be the dullest best-selling author there has ever been," she said.

"I used to live in Putney and, when I caught the 22 bus to go to the office, I used to see Jilly Cooper walking her dogs on Putney Common. I was always envious. Now I suppose I needn't be."

Most of the authors on the present Booker list, although well respected, can only dream of the sort of sales that the selected novelists can now expect. The 20 writers ranked as Best Young British Novelists might cull more glory, but might also ring fewer tills.

"Even once in paperback, shortlisted Booker authors wouldn't be big sellers," Ms Kennedy said. "We were looking for the sort of fiction that fitted our market. Quality writing, but accessible."

The other members of WH Smith's new catch include Catherine Alliott, 34, who wrote *The Old Girl Network*, a romance set in the world of advertising. She left her advertising job to have children.

"I knew it was a great coup being chosen," she said, "but I didn't realise we'd be catapulted straight into the bestseller lists. I can't keep the smile off my face."

Steven Knight, also 34, the author of a thriller called *The Movie House*, has written for television comedian Jasper Carrott, but said: "The yen to write a novel preceded the yen to write for TV."

When someone at publishers Transworld picked his horror story *Sheep* off their pile of hopeful manuscripts, Simon Maginn, a music teacher, said he was staggered to discover that such things really happen. "I've written a lot of short stories, but never published," he said. Harry Cauley, 58, an American TV writer, and Leonard Simon, 56, a New York clinical psychologist, complete the Smith's half-dozen.

If the six chosen novels had been published in hardback form, Smith's would probably not be buying them at all. But Ms Kennedy said: "One of the aims of the campaign is to effect some cultural change and get out of the habit of novels always coming out in hardback first."

Authors usually prove most resistant to this change. But Smith's seems to think a small bribe might do the trick.

SIMON WALKER



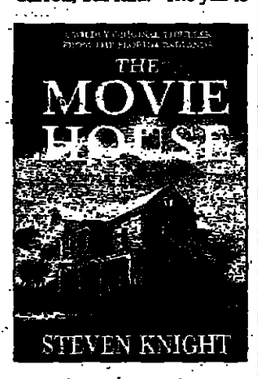
Harry Cauley, Simon Maginn, Joyce Windsor, Leonard Simon, Catherine Alliott and Steven Knight are in line for a major deal with their first novels



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The Movie House: a failed scriptwriter is hired to write a Hollywood screenplay, but is accused of murdering the film's star

Girl, 12, died after copycat suicide bid

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GIRL of 12 died after copying two classmates who attempted suicide by taking an overdose of anti-malarial pills, Westminster coroner's court was told yesterday.

Although Amanpreet Aujlay wrote a suicide note before taking the fatal dose of 29 chloroquine tablets on August 25, Paul Knapman, the coroner, said he could not be certain that she intended to kill herself. Recording an open verdict, he said her actions "may have been an attention-seeking device".

The inquest was told that there was a possibility of sibling rivalry between the girl and her brother, 15, who had returned home to Bedfont, west London, after three years in India.

Dr Knapman said two other pupils at Brentford School for Girls had taken an overdose. Det Insp Susan Hill said that one of them had subsequently died. On the same day, Amanpreet returned home, wrote a "dramatic" note and took the pills.

An hour later she told her mother, who does not speak English well, that she was felt sick. It was only when her mother contacted her husband, Tarlochan, that emergency services were called.

Mr Aujlay said she had been a bubbly and happy girl.

Raiders seize gems at Hatton Garden

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THIEVES outwitted security devices in Hatton Garden, the London jewelry trade centre, for the second time in ten weeks yesterday. An armed gang seized cash and gems from a shop only yards from the Graff workshop, which lost £6 million worth of diamonds in a raid in July.

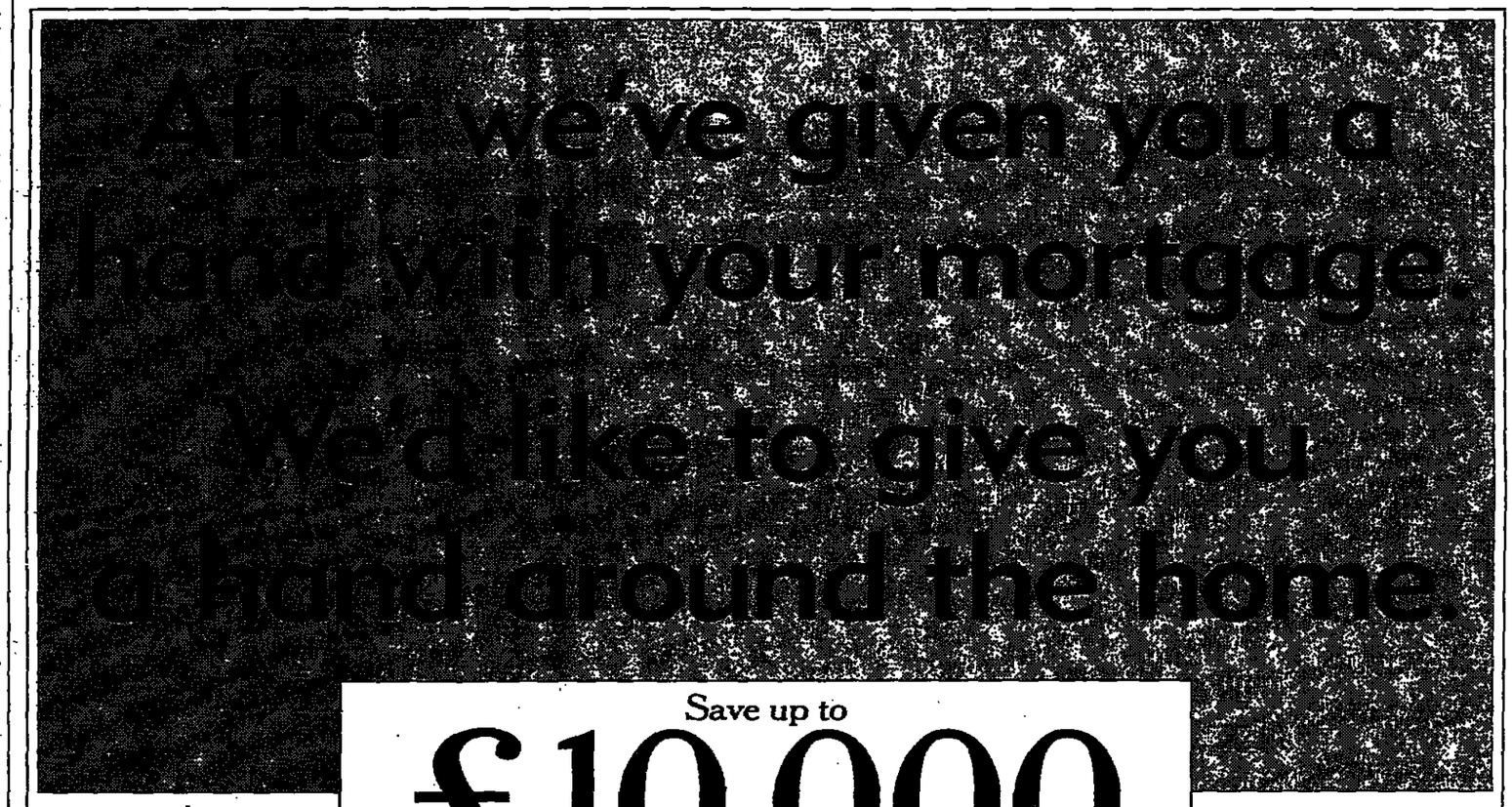
Yesterday's raid was on a shop called Chic 2. The gang, two of them masked, forced their way past the security door after one man, posing as a customer, had rung for admission.

The raiders threatened to shoot staff, one brandishing a pistol to force them to open a safe and a display cabinet, which the raiders then cleared of cash and jewellery. The robbers made their escape in a stolen red Volkswagen Golf, which was abandoned near by. The value of their haul is not yet known.

The bogus customer was described as white, 5ft 7in, aged 20 to 25, of medium build. His accomplices, both black and wearing black balaclavas, were about 25 years old. The gunman was of medium build and dressed in a maroon or red jogging top with a hood.

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Way cleared for nuclear waste plant

■ After 16 years of uncertainty, the Thorp nuclear reprocessing plant at Sellafield could be operational by the end of the year

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Thorp reprocessing plant at Sellafield, Cumbria, is expected to start commercial operations by the end of the year after the High Court paved the way for its approval.

The environment department insists that it has made no decision over the plant's fate but John Gummer, the environment secretary, has stated that he is "minded" to give Thorp the go-ahead. Few civil servants now expect a decision against the project when a second consultation period closes on Monday.

The High Court action by Greenpeace was seen as a last-ditch attempt by environmentalists to halt the £3 billion project. Victory would have strengthened the group's case for a public enquiry into the economic and environmental justifications for Thorp.

The group alleged the government and pollution regulators acted unlawfully in allowing uranium testing to start on September 2 and prejudiced the outcome of the consulation by contaminating the plant.

British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL), the plant's owner, claimed the tests were vital to prove that Thorp was technically ready. It challenged Greenpeace's right, or *locus standi*, to the bring the action.

Mr Justice Otton ruled that Greenpeace did have *locus standi*, which could have implications for a wide range of pressure groups involved in other legal challenges, but ruled that the testing was legal and justified and that matters of public health and safety were properly taken into account.

Peter Melchett, executive director of Greenpeace, said after the ruling they were disappointed and would consider an appeal. Even if Thorp went into operation, Greenpeace would continue to fight until all nuclear activity at Sellafield was ended.

The decision marks the beginning of the end of a 16-year Whitehall farce. When the project was first conceived in 1977, few could have foreseen the controversy the thermal oxide reprocessing plant was to create.

Middle Eastern oil prices were rising and governments were rushing into nuclear power, forcing up natural uranium prices. Thorp, it was argued, would be a national money spinner, taking old fuel from reactors worldwide and transforming it into re-usable plutonium and uranium.

However, 1993 is a very different era. Nuclear programmes have faltered in the wake of the Chernobyl accident and uranium prices have tumbled to about $6.90 per pound rather than the $50 to $100 which would have made Thorp economic.

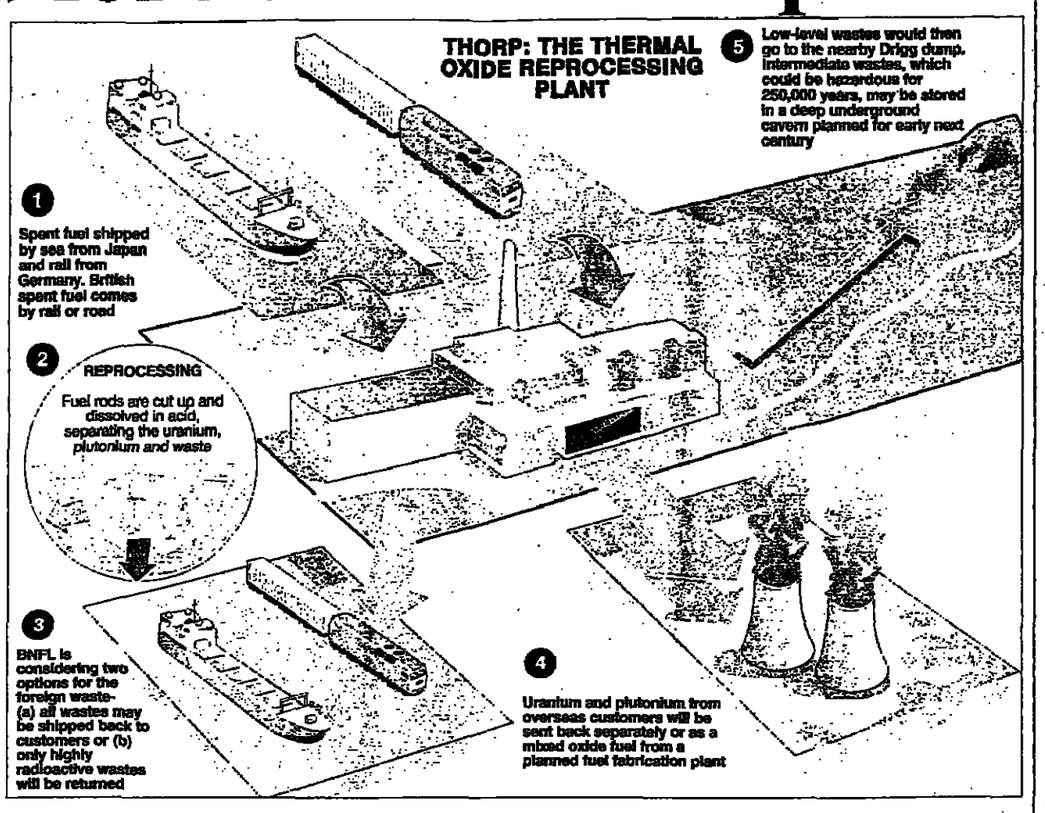
Irish and Scandinavian governments, fearing emissions into the sea and air, have said that the plant should be mothballed.

Earlier this year, President Clinton told Mr Major that America was concerned that Thorp would add to global instability by boosting stockpiles of plutonium.

BNFL did not help its safety case by allowing a handful of leaks and operational mistakes to pepper the final months of debate. The company does, however, hold some trump cards. Thorp may be uneconomic at today's prices and may create a mountain of waste, but BNFL has ferociously binding contracts worth an estimated £9 billion.

Its customers, mainly Japan and Germany, have also sunk an estimated £1.6 billion into the plant and Thorp will preserve 1,200 permanent jobs in an economically depressed region.

☐ Plans for a clinical waste incinerator at Wardley, Tyne and Wear, were approved yesterday in the High Court, which rejected Gateshead council's objections to the decision by Michael Howard, the former environment secretary, to allow the scheme. A planning inspector had previously found in the council's favour.



NHS reforms

Patients of GP fundholders 'jumping queues'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

DOCTORS' leaders are to complain to Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, today that patients of GP fundholders are routinely jumping the queue for treatment as hospitals compete to win extra referrals in the NHS market.

Evidence gathered by the *British Medical Association* shows that consultants in many hospitals are "fast-tracking" patients of GP fundholders, in breach of health department guidelines. The association has issued a list of 32 hospitals and health districts across the country which, they claim, give preferential treatment to fundholders' patients.

Some hospitals, which have stopped non-emergency surgery for patients funded by health authorities after treating more than they contracted for in the early months of the year, are continuing to treat GP fundholders' patients, for whom money is still available.

In other hospitals, managers have told consultants to give GP fundholders' patients preferential treatment or risk losing them to rival hospitals.

The BMA said the dossier of the hospitals exposed the weakness of the controls on the NHS market, which were intended to prevent one group of patients benefiting at the expense of another.

Paddy Ross, chairman of the BMA's consultants committee, who is to discuss the dossier with Mrs Bottomley today, claimed recently that every NHS hospital was operating some form of two-tier system that was being ignored by the health department.

The health department said it would look closely at the BMA's dossier. A spokesman said hospitals were permitted to offer deals to GP fundholders provided they had spare capacity and were not jeopardising other patients. "Hospitals should not offer contracts to one purchaser which would disadvantage the patients of another," he said.

The hospitals and health districts where patients of GP fundholders have been given preferential treatment are listed by the BMA as Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield; Kettering and District General Hospital; South Warwickshire General Hospitals NHS Trust; East Surrey NHS Trust; Watford General Hospital, Walsall; Suffolk Health Authority; Royal National ENT Hospital; Queen Elizabeth and Selly Oak Hospitals, Birmingham; Lister Hospital, Stevenage; Alexandra hospital, Redditch; St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey; Essex and Herts Health Services; North Tyneside; Stoke Mandeville Hospital; Salford Royal Hospital; Derby District General Hospital; Leighton Hospital, Crewe; William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent; Darlington Memorial Hospital; Ealing Hospital; Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford; University College and Middlesex Hospitals, London; Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge; Kingston General Hospital, Hull; Royal Devon and Exeter Healthcare NHS Trust; Havering Hospitals; Southmead Health Services NHS Trust; Hinchingbooke Hospital, Huntingdon; Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford; Norfolk and Norwich Hospital; Hereford.

☐ Doctors who are the subject of a complaint from a patient are put under intolerable stress for long periods while patients also see the system as slow, impenetrable and unwieldy, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

Putting forward reforms in response to the government's review of the NHS complaints procedure, the association calls for a new "one door" informal procedure and a right of redress for doctors against vexatious patients.

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Bottomley: will see BMA dossier

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RAC warns of road pricing backlash

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MOTORWAY charging could become as politically explosive as the poll tax unless it is seen to be fair, the chairman of the RAC said yesterday.

Jeffrey Rose issued the warning as John MacGregor, the transport secretary, called for greater realism about the government's £23 billion road-building programme. Mr Rose said that with road-pricing set to coincide with the run-up to the next general election, the government would lose electoral support if the Chancellor was unfair.

David Worskett, the RAC director of public affairs, said: "The Treasury's tax burden on Britain's 35 million motorists has already reached an unacceptable level. Motoring has become one of the most highly taxed activities. The motorist already pays some £20 billion a year in motoring taxes, of which only 25 per cent is spent on roads."

Mr MacGregor told a Freight Transport Association conference yesterday that the need to drive new routes through the countryside was a thing of the past. He said the focus of building programmes was on widening and improving the present trunk-road networks and on bypasses.

"The government does not build new roads for the sake of it," he said. "No government would spend these sums unless it provided tangible benefits."

In its response to the government's consultation paper *Paying for Better Motorways*, the RAC said it would support road pricing if all money raised was used to improve their condition in addition to the present planned expenditure. It also said charging should be done electronically on the basis of motorway usage and not introduced as an additional road-tax charge for all.

NEWSBRIEF

Ex-soldier trapped drug dealer

A former soldier who exposed a drug dealer was rewarded by a judge who ordered that he should be paid £200 from public funds for his public-spirited actions.

John Deane, an unemployed metal worker, visited a drug dealer's flat posing as a buyer after alerting the police. Yesterday at Hove Crown Court, Craig Parker, 29, admitted supplying heroin. Sentence was adjourned.

Guns stolen

Five shotguns and rifles, a pump action shotgun, and two other firearms were all stolen from a house at Latchmere Green, Hampshire. Police think the weapons will be sold on to criminals.

Beast tracked

Experts may soon identify the mysterious animal thought to be responsible for the deaths of hundreds of sheep and deer on Exmoor after the discovery of unusual droppings.

Rugby death

A teenager has died in hospital after being injured during a game of rugby. Matthew Hanlon, 17, was paralysed from the waist down after going into a ruck.

Crash shock

Teenage car criminals are to be shown footage taken by the fire brigade at fatal car crashes in an attempt to shock them out of offending.

Elusive workers

Factories in a high unemployment area cannot find staff to work on urgent export orders. Celestion Textiles has 144 vacancies in Nottinghamshire.

Wrong footed

Thieves stole hundreds of left-footed shoes after breaking into a parked car yesterday. The shoes were later found abandoned near the quayside at Wareham, Dorset.

Child maintenance cases risk swamping the courts

By Edward Gorman and Frances Gibb

■ Concern is growing over the recovery of what many regard as punitive maintenance payments from absent fathers

SOLICITORS have given a warning that the courts could become clogged as a result of fathers refusing to pay greatly increased maintenance payments for their children as ordered by the new Child Support Agency.

More cases are emerging of fathers challenging what they regard as punitive maintenance assessments by the agency. In one which came to light yesterday, a father of twins from co. Durham who has paid maintenance of £123 a month for seven years, has been told he must pay £473.

Leslie McLean, a hospital manager who also has an 18-month-old daughter by his second wife and a stepson to support, said that while he agreed that some fathers were paying unacceptably low amounts to their ex-wives, asking him to surrender about a third of his £26,000 income was unfair.

Mr McLean, who has never defaulted on his obligations to his ex-wife, claims new payments will force his second wife back to work, will require them to sell their second car, make holidays impossible, and bring an end to the pocket money he has always contributed for his twin boys.

Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, could be forced by such cases to revise the formula under which maintenance payments are calculated. Yesterday a spokeswoman for the Child Support Agency indicated that changes could be on the way, but said it was too early to speculate on their nature.

She defended the new regime, which she said was more realistic and equitable than the old one. She also denied allegations that the agency is singling out fathers who have always paid maintenance, while ignoring the 70 per cent of absentee fathers who have never paid up.

But other Whitehall sources were less sympathetic, pointing out that fathers who had hitherto been paying derisory amounts had been warned that more realistic demands were going to be made of them and, in effect, should now shut up and pay up.

The danger of a serious backlog of cases brought by the agency is prompting comparisons by some lawyers to the clogging by thousands of cases involving poll-tax defaulters. Timothy Durkin, a family law solicitor in Hull, says the problem of enforcing the maintenance orders is likely to turn the agency into "another *cause célèbre*".

"The enforcement process [for the maintenance payments] is the same as that for the now-discredited community charge," he said.

The justices' clerk at one magistrates' court had already predicted "similar numbers of people at his court as had occurred with those who failed to pay the community charge, and the same problems with securing enforcement". Mr Durkin says there is likely to be a slow build-up in the effect of the act with the full impact being felt in about 18 months to two years.

Despite the widely approved principles behind the Child Support Act under which the agency, which came into being in April, was set up — to ensure absent fathers do not renege on paying for their offspring — lawyers say the scheme is going wrong.

They say it is hitting fathers who are already making sizeable payments to their former partners. A leaked internal agency memorandum confirmed this, indicating that agency officers have been urged to give priority to "good quality cases ... where the absent parent is already paying ... and is able to pay" in order to achieve its targets".

The rigid formula applied for calculating maintenance takes no account of a father's outgoings such as debt, school fees, child care or travel costs for visiting the child. A London solicitor cited one assessment which would leave his client £75 a month to live on.

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Kray twin taken to hospital for heart tests



Ronnie Kray, right, pictured with brothers Reggie, left, and Charles in 1968, was recovering in hospital yesterday after being moved from Broadmoor having had a suspected heart attack. Kray, 59, was undergoing tests for chest pains at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, Berkshire. Three nurses from Broadmoor were acting as escorts and officers from Thames Valley Police were on stand-by at the hospital.

Ronnie Kray, the older twin to Reggie, was transferred to Broadmoor in 1979 from the maximum security cells at Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight. His brother is at Blundeston prison, Suffolk. The former London gangsters are serving life after being convicted in 1969 of the murders of Jack "The Hat" McVitie and George Cornell. The Krays' supporters club has organised a march to Downing Street next weekend, coinciding with the twins' 60th birthday, to seek the prime minister's support in a plea for parole.

Agent faces charge over house offer

By Rachel Kelly
Property Correspondent

A NORFOLK estate agent is to be the first in Britain to be prosecuted under the Property Misdescriptions Act, which aims to eliminate misleading and exaggerated wording from house descriptions.

The prosecution comes as the act, which came into force in April, comes under review as part of John Major's citizen's charter to dispense with unnecessary red tape. Some estate agents want to keep the legislation, which they say will improve standards, but others want it to be repealed.

Ian Sinclair, a chartered surveyor who runs an estate agency in Gorleston, near Great Yarmouth, will appear before Great Yarmouth magistrates next Monday. It is expected that he will ask for the case to be adjourned.

He is charged with advertising a house in a local newspaper at a lower price than the true figure and with failing to alter the price of a property advertised in his shop window to reflect the real price. The charges follow a complaint made to trading standards officers.

Mr Sinclair could face fines of up to £5,000 under the act, which makes it a criminal offence for agents to make false or misleading statements about property for sale.

Jaguar sells plant to Germans

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

JAGUAR will transfer 100 of its workers to a German company that is taking over the manufacture of some of its components.

The company, enjoying a revival in sales this year, will allow Camford Engineering — a subsidiary of Krupp Hoesch — to buy a section of its Radford engine plant in Coventry. Jaguar, like many car companies, has chosen to buy small parts from specialist companies rather than manufacturing them in-house.

Krupp will offer the same wages and conditions to the 100 former Jaguar workers who will do the same jobs making engine and axle components.

David Boole, Jaguar's director of public affairs, said: "For us to be involved in making bits and pieces is not such a good idea when there are firms which specialise in that kind of thing."

The move comes as Jaguar tackles financial losses but is enjoying substantial gains in efficiency and sales. Productivity has doubled and sales worldwide are expected to rise 30 per cent this year. Ford last year pumped £300 million into the company, which it bought for £1.6 billion four years ago.

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Patten attacks NUT over test defiance

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

■ Teachers' leaders remain unmoved by criticism of their opposition to league tables and insist that test results remain secret

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, yesterday accused leaders of the National Union of Teachers of obstructing the review of national curriculum tests by continuing to withhold this year's results.

Mr Patten's first meeting with representatives of the union since this summer's test boycott ended in acrimony yesterday, as the NUT refused to call off its industrial action. The union is waiting to see the results of the review, by Sir Ronald Dearing, the chairman of the new School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, before deciding whether to ballot its members on a renewal of the boycott.

However, Mr Patten said that the union was making an informed judgment on the tests more difficult by refusing to rescind its instruction to members to keep the results secret. Many primary schools had carried out this year's assessment, but supplied results only to parents.

"I regret that the NUT appear reluctant to withdraw their instructions on industrial action," he said after yesterday's meeting. "I called on them to make available the information on the 1993 tests that they are withholding from Sir Ron Dearing."

Teachers have been assured by Mr Patten that this year's tests will not be used to compile league tables of schools, but few are expected to hand over their results. Schools were given until the end of July to submit their returns, but the deadline was extended until tomorrow.

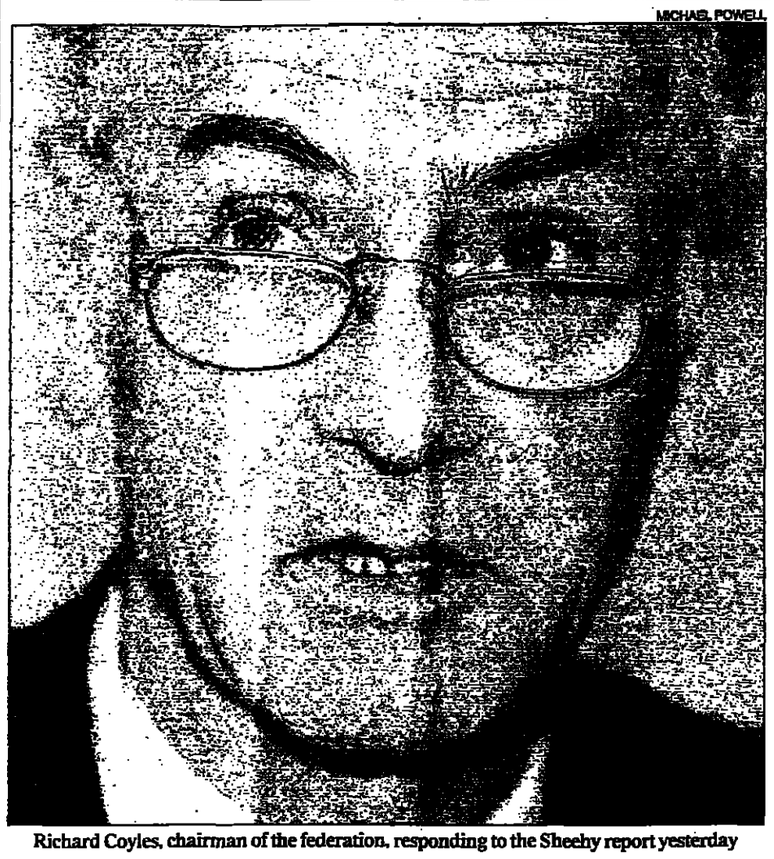
Doug McAvoy, the NUT's general secretary, said he had explained the reasons for maintaining the union's advice to withhold test results. "Mr Patten must explain to teachers why such time-wasting tests are to continue and why league tables which tell parents next to nothing about schools are still to be produced," he said.

Although the government had dropped the performance tables comparing results for pupils aged seven and fourteen, it planned to go ahead with league tables for those aged eleven, he said. In spite of Sir Ron's review, ministers intended to proceed with the same type of tests that had been universally condemned as educationally unsound.

Mr Patten is meeting all the teachers' unions to discuss the curriculum and testing review. Only the Association of Teachers and Lecturers remains to be consulted. The unions' attitude to next year's tests will depend on the government's response to Sir Ron's review, which is due before the end of the year.

☐ One in five pupils spends less than 30 minutes a night on homework, according to a survey published today. A third of pupils study for more than an hour a night and only 11 per cent work for longer than two hours, the Consumers' Association said.

Sheehy package threatens a shambles, federation says


MICHAEL POWELL

Richard Coyles, chairman of the federation, responding to the Sheehy report yesterday

Police leader warns of strike demand

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE officers will demand the right to strike if ministers accept the Sheehy report on pay and conditions, the leader of the Police Federation said yesterday.

Speaking as the federation's response to the Home Office on Sheehy was published, Richard Coyles, the chairman, said it had to be expected that at the organisation's spring conference some members would propose that police should have the right to take industrial action.

He said: "We do not have the right to strike or work to rule and I do not want it." If the government pushed through the full Sheehy package, which covers fixed-term contracts and a new pay formula, and ignored the police, it would be "a slippery slope".

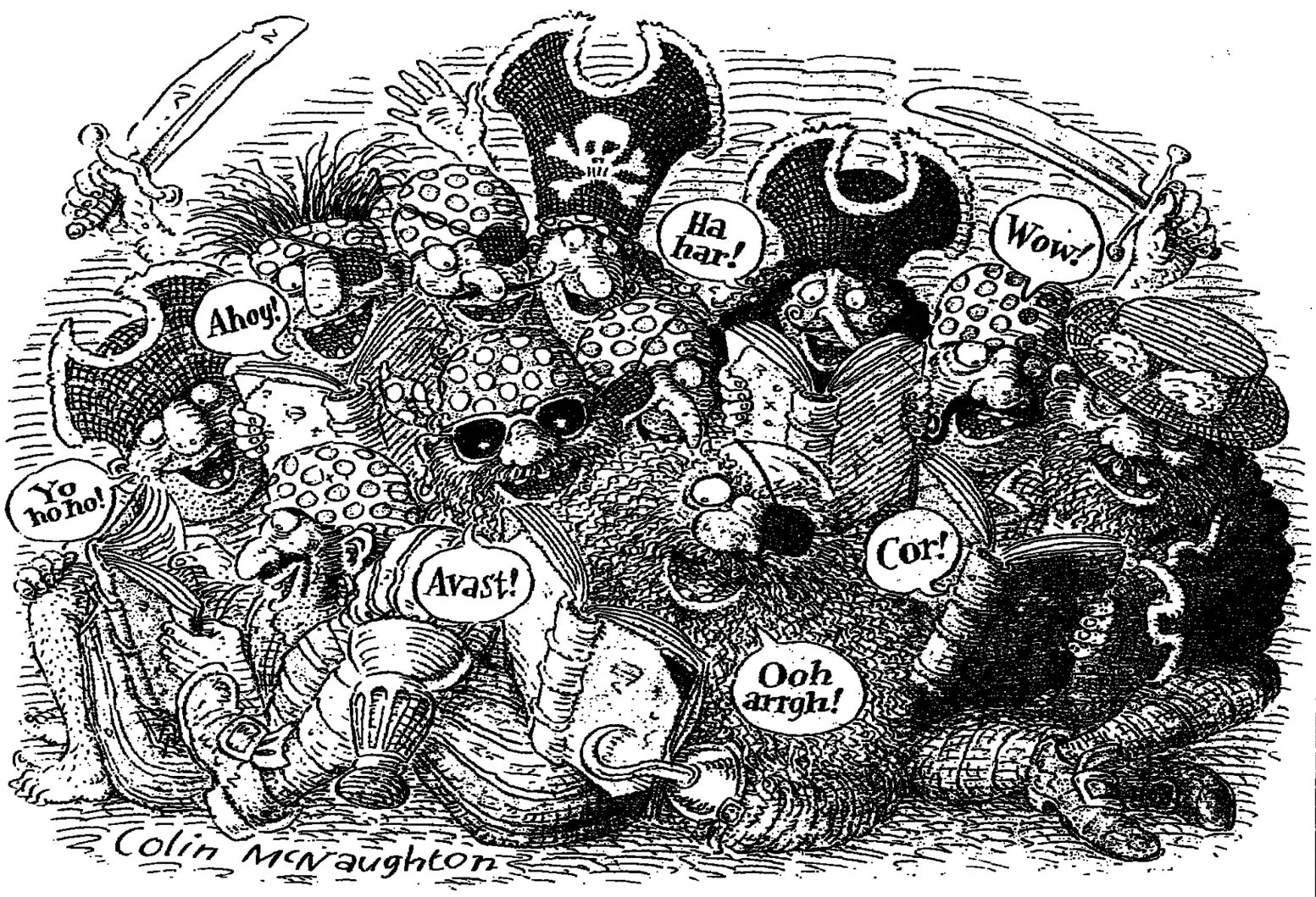
Mr Coyles said: "If the fire service goes on strike next month, who is going to drive the Green Goddesses — or what if the prison officers cannot deal with extra prisoners? It is going to be the police. If we are the emergency service when all others fail, they should treat us decently." Sitting beside leaders of the police superintendents' association, Mr Coyles said police were not against change but the Sheehy team insisted its report had to be accepted in its entirety. This amounted to "an all-out assault on police pay and conditions".

Pay proposals based on a combination of experience, job and performance would be unworkable. Mr Coyles said the result would be a shambles. Cuts in police numbers would cost £385 million in redundancy.

The federation accepts proposals for cuts in ranks and calls for a pay formula partly based on appraisals. It rejects fixed-term contracts and pension changes providing pensions after 40 years.

Chief Supt David Goulding, president of the superintendents' association, said the pay plans could add 2 per cent to management costs. His group argues that the proposals would damage recruitment, weaken morale and lead to valuable officers leaving.

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
The Daily Telegraph

Slime squad halts mudflat villains

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE stake-out lasted two tense hours. Two squad cars kept watch on the villains about their murky business on the Essex mudflats. As the miscreants tried to leave the scene with their ill-gotten gains, four police officers pounced.

They seized the contraband and the gang's equipment. Not heroin, nor bootleg whisky, but a garden fork and a bucket of worms.

Malcolm Fisher and fellow anglers were somewhat taken aback to be apprehended as though they were in *Miami Vice* rather than digging for bait on the shore at Maldon. They surrendered their booty and tools without a struggle.

"Our bait, buckets and forks were confiscated and our worms photographed," Mr Fisher said yesterday. "I could not believe it was happening — it was totally over the top. I have been digging for bait for 20 years and this has never occurred before. It's ludicrous." To add insult to injury, when Mr Fisher asked for his worms back he was told to put in a claim to the court.

Sgt Gary Heard of Maldon police said that Mr Fisher and his colleagues had not been arrested, but had been asked to give details of what they had been doing. They face a fine of up to £50 under a council bylaw which forbids digging for bait in the area. "The council has asked us to help them enforce this bylaw. It is up to them to prosecute, but they are anxious to cut out bait-digging."

Nigel Harmer, the river bailiff, said that the area had been granted private fishery status under an ancient law of 1171 which forebade bait-digging. "We have already prosecuted one bait-digger who was fined £50, but he has been caught digging again and now faces a £1,000 fine." Mr Harmer added in a warning to the recidivist worm gatherers of Essex.

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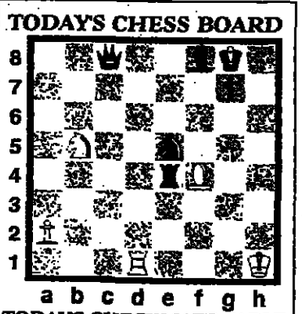
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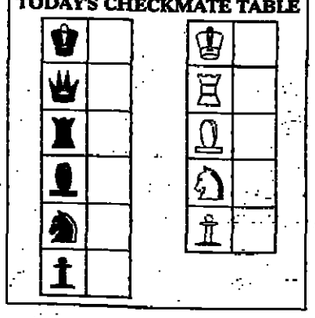
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'Demon' Kasparov dodges killer blow

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Short came as close as possible to winning a game against Garry Kasparov, without actually notching the full point, in game ten of *The Times* World Chess Championship on Tuesday. Short had an overwhelming position but was within seconds of losing on time.

In the clock scramble Kasparov set a series of devilish traps. Short said: "It is extremely frustrating for me. I am getting the positions but I just can't land the killer blow. I am playing the difficult parts of the game well, it is when it should be easy that I am messing things up.

"Playing Kasparov is a frightening new experience. He presents you with lots of problems, far more problems than any other players do. Kasparov fights like a demon when he is behind and never gives you a moment's respite."

White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov
Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bc4	e6
7	Bb3	Nbd7
8	f4	Nc5

In game six Short here played 9 f5 while in game eight he played 9 e5. Now he goes for a third choice.

9	Of3	b5
10	f5	Bd7

Short's next move releases the tension prematurely.

11	fxe6	fxe6
12	Bg5	Be7
13	0-0-0	0-0
14	e5	

Short: "I thought for a very long time here, in fact 52 minutes. My original intention was to play the queen sacrifice variation ... but then I noticed that Kasparov can sidestep it with 14 ... Nd5 15 Bxe7 Nxe7 which should be good for him. However, I couldn't find a sensible alternative."

14	...	Nfe4

Kasparov: "I was feeling very confident after Nigel's long think and assumed that Nigel had prepared a variation that simply did not work, since I can now win his queen. However, the simple 14 ... Nd5 15 Bxe7 Nxe7 16 Qg3 d5 leaves Nigel strategically lost since his bishop on b3 is out of play and I can win automtically by advancing my queenside pawns."

15	Bxe7	Qxe7
16	Nxe4	Rxf3
17	exd6	Nxb3+
18	Nxb3	Qf8
19	qd3	Qxf3
20	Nec5	Bc6

Kasparov: "Nigel's queen sacrifice has given him a winning position. The passed pawn is too strong. I should never have allowed it."

21	Rhe1	e5
22	d7	Rd8
23	Rd6	

Kasparov: "If now 23 ... Bd5 White can play 24 Nd2 but not 24 Rd1 Bxb3 25 Nxb3 e4 26 Na5 e3 27 Nc6 e2 28 Nxd8 Qf4+ and suddenly I win. There are three variations: 29 Rld2 el/Q checkmate; 29 R6d2 exd1/Q+ 30 Kxd1 Qf1 checkmate; or 29 *Kb1 Qxd6!!* 30 Rxd6 *el/Q+ 31* Rd1 Qxd1 checkmate. These variations were tempting but 24 Nd2 is too strong."

23	...	a5
24	a3	

Kasparov: "This is a very good move. After 24 Nxa5 Qf4+ 25 Kb1 Qb4 26 Red1 Bf3 there are too many pieces hanging and the position is absolutely unclear."

24	...	a4
25	Nd2	Qg2
26	c3	Bd5
27	Nd3	Bb3

Kasparov: "I am defending desperately, trying to create threats against Short's king. If instead 27 ... e4 28 Rxd5 e3 29 Nb4 and White wins."

28	Nxe6	Qxh2
29	Nc5	Qxd6
30	Re8+	Kf7
31	Nxd8+	Kg6
32	Ne6	

Short: "It was also possible to play 32 Re6+ Bxe6 33 Nxe6 Qxe6 (if 33 ... Qxd7 34 Nf8+) 34 d8/Q which is winning. However, I thought that Black may be able to cause some problems in my time pressure by running his h-pawn down the board and so I preferred to try to win the game immediately."

32	...	Qh2
33	Nf4+	

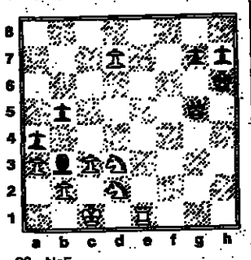
Short: "33 Rf8 would win."

33	...	Kh6
34	Nd3	Qg1+
35	Re1	

Short: "At first sight, it looks as if 35 Ne1 is terminal, but Black has the devilish trick 35 ... Qg4, attacking the d7-pawn and threatening mate on d1."

35	...	Qg5

Key moment: Short could have won with two checks.



36	Ne5	

Short: "The simplest way to win here was 36 Rh1+ Kg6 37 Ne5+ Kf5 (the knight cannot be taken as then the pawn promotes) 38 Nc6 and Black has no more tricks."

36	...	g6

Kasparov: "There is another devilish trap here. If 37 Nc6 Qf5 it appears that I win, due to the mating threat against Short's king and the attack against the White pawn on d7, which had been my principal enemy for the whole game. However, in that case 38 Ne4 Qxd7 39 Rh1+ Kg7 40 Rxh7+ Kxh7 41 Nf6+ wins easily for Nigel. Nigel was in such desperate time trouble here that it is unfair to criticise him for missing wins."

37	Rf1	Be6
38	Nf7+	Bxf7
39	Rxf7	Qd5

Kasparov: "Here Nigel misses his last clear chance to win with a very beautiful variation 40 Ne4 Qd3 41 Rf2 Qxd7 42 Rh2+ Kg7 43 Rxh7+ Kxh7 44 Nf6+ and Nxd7."

40	Re7	Qd6
41	Rf7	Qd3
42	Ne4	Qe3+
43	Nd2	Qd3

Draw agreed

Kasparov: "Some people say Nigel should have played on but I don't agree. After 44 Nf3 I check the White king to f2 and then play ... g5. If White replies with Nd4 I play ... Qd2+ and the White king should not find any shelter from the checks. An exciting but exhausting game. Both of us missed chances to win."

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John Noakes, left, with colleagues Christopher Trace and Valerie Singleton in 1967

And here are 2,626 we made earlier...

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC show that coloured a generation's childhood, *Blue Peter*, unveiled plans yesterday to celebrate its 35th anniversary and, so far, 2,626 shows. At the same time, one of its former presenters disclosed that life on the programme was not always as rosy as it appeared.

John Noakes, who was the show's intrepid sky-diver, tobogganer and abseiler, said that the BBC failed to insure him against injury or death for most of the madcap challenges he undertook. They only time they did, he claimed, was for a 25,000 ft parachute jump, and even then they sent him the bill for the premium.

Mr Noakes, who presented the show between 1966 and 1978 and who came out of retirement in Majorca to appear on a commemorative *Blue Peter* documentary made for BBC2, said that even though he was employed on a freelance basis, he had no choice in the stunts he performed. "They just rang me up and told me where to go and what I was doing. The only time I got really scared was when I had to jump out of a tree from 45 feet up on a piece of rope. We had to do nine takes."

He was speaking at the launch of *Here's One I Made Earlier*, which follows the programme from its humble beginnings in 1958 as a weekly 15-minute show about model trains and dolls to its position today as the bi-weekly stalwart of BBC children's television.

The documentary will be shown on October 17 on BBC2, which will also be screening exerpts from the *Blue Peter* archives, including footage of the show's famous pets, such as Shep the sheepdog and Jason the siamese cat, throughout the same weekend.

Biddy Baxter, the programme's producer and editor for 27 years, said the documentary would also trace some of the children featured over the past three decades and follow up some old *Blue Peter* appeals.

Blue Peter, which has had 20 presenters, now attracts about 5 million viewers a week.

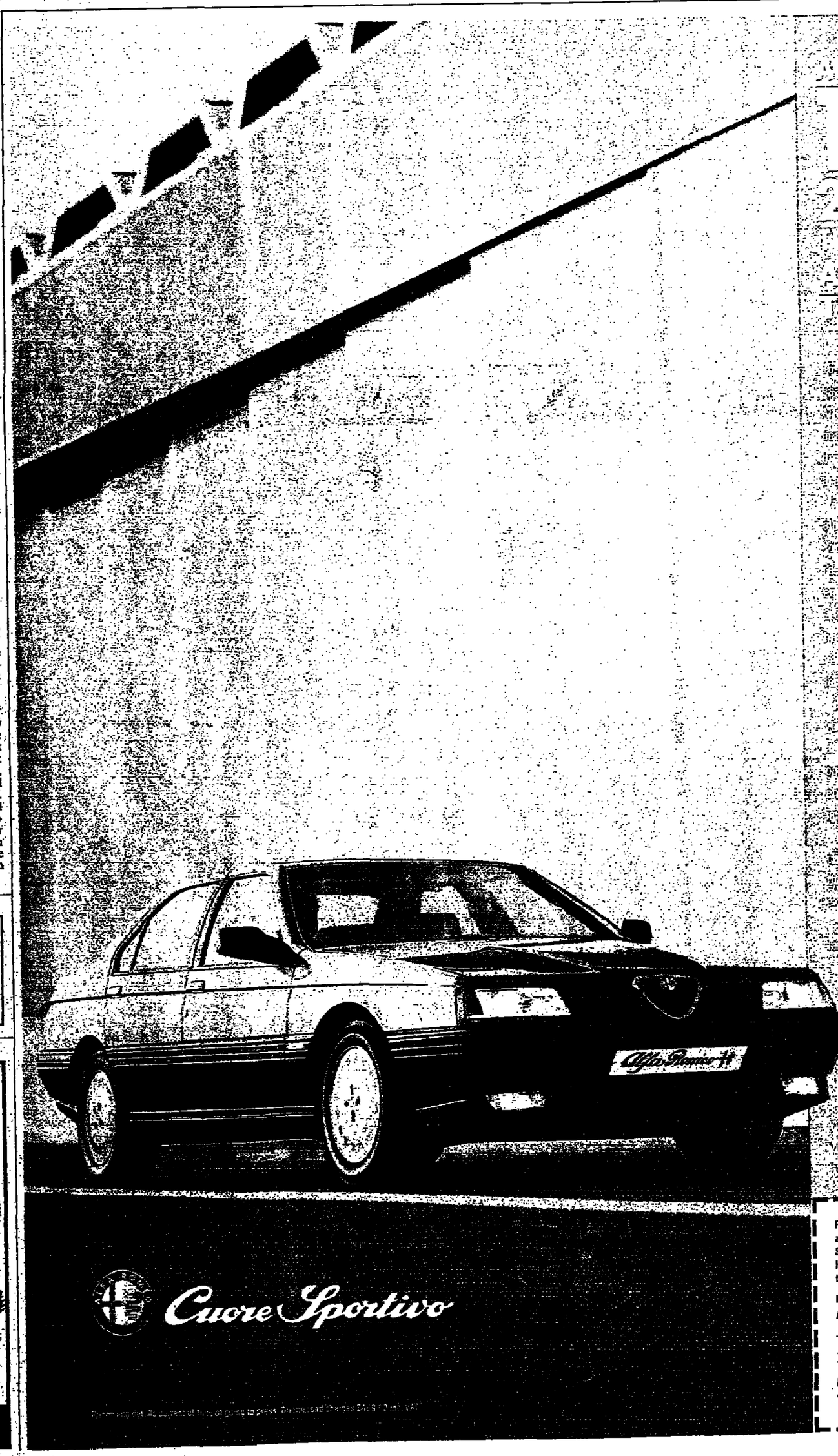
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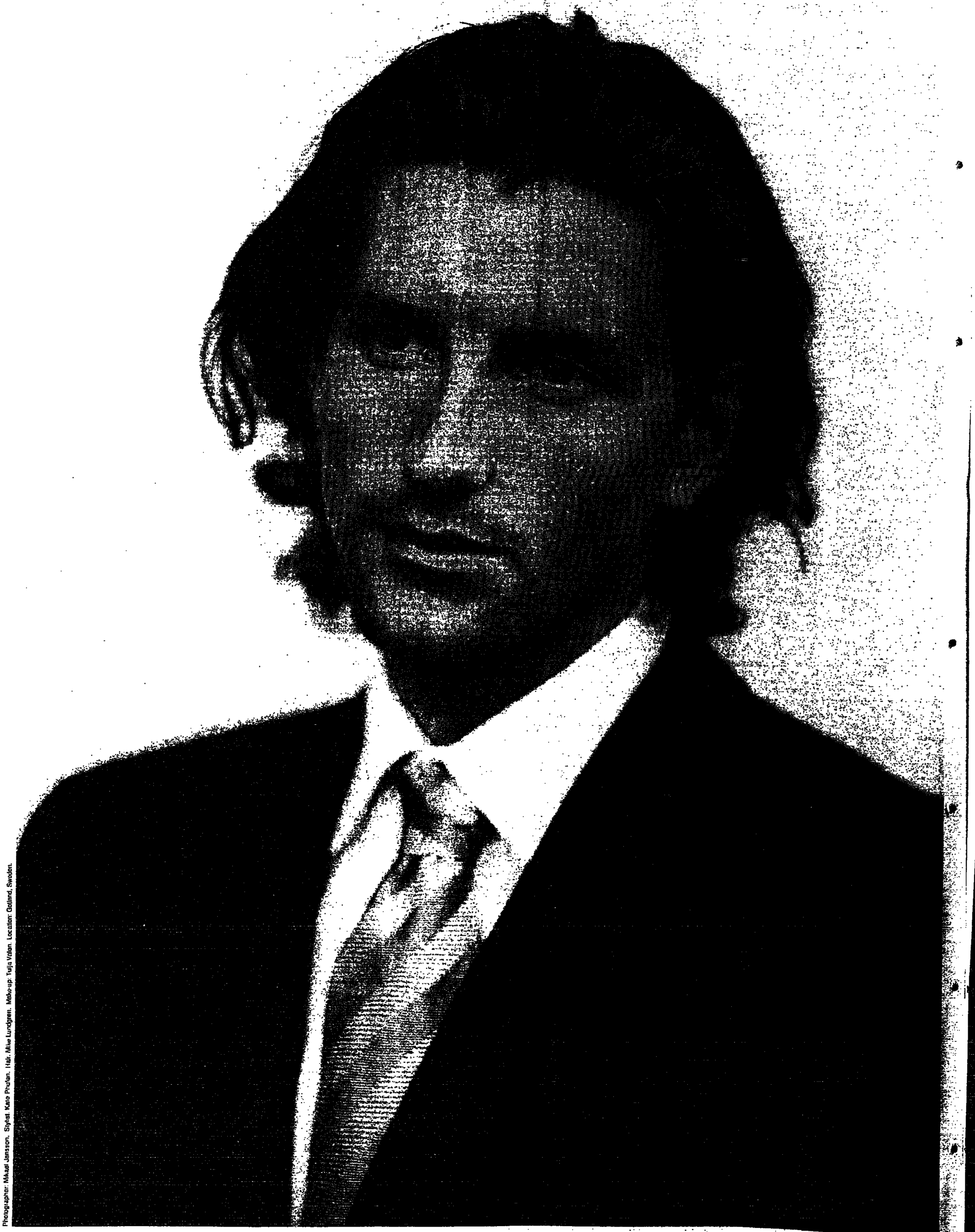


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CHRIS HARRIS



Bill Morris, leader of the transport workers, strides to the platform yesterday to oppose John Smith's plans for electoral reform within the Labour party

Smith's reforms win by a whisker

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ **John Smith staked his authority on *modernising the Labour party*. He won yesterday — but only just**

JOHN Smith yesterday pushed through the crucial rule change of one member one vote for the selection of parliamentary candidates by a whisker. However, delegates backed with wider margins Mr Smith's reform of the system for the election of the leader and the deputy leader and the abolition of the union block vote at party conference.

Delegates reacted with jubilation when they were told that the Omov rule change had been passed by 3 per cent: 47.5 per cent to 44.4 per cent.

In future all trade unionists who pay the political levy plus a £3 membership fee will be able to select parliamentary candidates. In addition, from next year union delegates will be able to vote individually at party conferences, effectively removing the block vote at party conference. The move will end scenes of one raised arm representing one million trade unionists.

John Prescott agreed that the voting reforms paled into insignificance compared to issues such as homelessness and poverty, but warned that a defeat would be turned by the media into a personal failure for Mr Smith. In a barnstorming address the party's transport spokesman said he would have played no part in supporting the reforms if they had weakened the link with the unions.

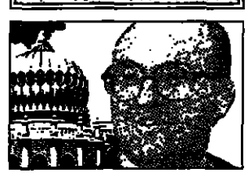
The rule change announcements followed equally tight votes on three of the four composite motions proposed by the four most powerful trade union leaders yesterday morning.

The conference ironically passed two conflicting motions both supporting and opposing Mr Smith's reforms on parliamentary candidates, although these were overturned by the vote on the national executive committee rule change.

Delegates narrowly backed by 48.9 per cent to 48.13 per cent the compromise motion from Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union, which allowed political levy payers to opt "on a fairly agreed basis" to take part in selections.

But the conference also supported by 48.64 per cent to 48.45 per cent the motion pushed by Bill Morris from the Transport and General Workers' Union, opposing Mr Smith's reforms outright.

LABOUR IN BRIGHTON



The motion from Bill Jordan of the AEEU for a purer form of one member one vote was rejected, partly as a snub to Mr Jordan. John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, was also defeated in his bid for a reformed electoral college. The conference also passed reductions in the party's membership fee from £18 to £15 for full members while retaining the reduced subscription for pensioners and the unemployed at £5.

The conference also backed a motion from Tony Blair's constituency calling for more pilot schemes to test further reductions in subscriptions.

Hours before the crucial votes which threatened his own authority, Mr Smith made an impassioned appeal to conference delegates to unite behind the reforms so that he could lead the party to victory. With the vote then still too close to call, the Labour leader made it clear that he wanted to strengthen rather than weaken the link between the unions and the party.

Opening the highly charged debate Mr Smith said: "It should be clear to everyone that these proposals do not in any way break or diminish the links between the Labour party and the trade unions." The party was founded by the trade unions and the links between them had always been strong. "They are as important today as they have ever been." He made no bones about the party's reliance on trade union political levy fees, but said the relationship was open, honest and legal.

To widespread applause Mr Smith added: "That's a lot more than can be said for the Tory party funded by anonymous foreign millionaires who often don't even have a vote in Britain."

However, Mr Smith went on to make it clear that the reforms were more than just an internal party matter and could influence the outcome of the next general election. "What millions of trade union members and Labour party supporters all over the country want above all else is a Labour government.

"As leader of our party, charged with the responsibility to secure that victory, I say to this conference that the changes I propose today are vital — absolutely central — to our strategy for winning power, and I ask you to unite behind them." Battle lines were evidently tightly drawn in the hall and his speech was peppered both with applause and cries of "rubbish". While he won a standing ovation from about a third of the hall, it was largely prompted by the platform, as Tony Blair, one of the party's arch modernisers, stood to applaud his leader.

Most of the address was devoted to courting the wavering delegates who could swing the afternoon's cliffhanger vote. Mr Smith appealed to women delegates by backing rules to support more women MPs and reminded public sector workers of his pledge on employment rights for all.

The Labour leader argued that his trade union reforms, particularly the selection of parliamentary candidates, were as much to do with increasing membership of the party as reforming the party's constitution.

Under his levy plus proposal political levy payers would be able to join the party as full members by paying an extra £3. "I believe this initiative will, if implemented with energy and commitment, be the biggest effort to increase membership in the history of the Labour party."

There were just over four million political levy payers in Britain and he wanted more to join the party.

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Melodrama gets right headlines for leadership

Yesterday's debate on union links with the Labour party was, in theory, about £3, or the price of two pints of beer a year. In practice, it was about much more — John Smith's personal authority.

So, after an old-fashioned conference melodrama not seen for nearly a decade — with last-minute shifts of trade union votes, passionate speeches and some effective tub thumping from John Prescott — Mr Smith duly ended up smiling. The contradictory voting results do not matter since the key rule changes were passed.

The issue has dominated the conference out of proportion to its intrinsic significance because, once Bill Morris of the transport workers and John Edmonds of the GMB opposed Mr Smith's plan, the party leader had to be seen to defeat the union leaders.

He had to show that it was him, not the union barons, running the party. His victory is important, not least for the headline "Smith wins." That is more important than the details.

The proposals are neither as revolutionary nor as clearcut as these dramas suggested.

The principle of one member one vote (Omov) has increasingly been adopted in internal Labour affairs, in leadership elections, in the annual ballot for the national executive and, in a so far haphazard way, in the selection of parliamentary candidates.

Mr Smith proposed a modest tidying-up. Collective union involvement would end in parliamentary selections and Omov would be used with union members encouraged to become full voting party members by paying an extra £3 on top of the political levy.

This is not an absolute issue of principle. The GMB's proposal for the involvement of all levy-paying trade unionists who support the party may have been rejected by Mr Smith in the selection of parliamentary candidates, but has been accepted by him in the election of the leader and deputy leader.

Last night's vote was never going to mark a big change in the links between the party and unions. These will remain, but they have already been changing. The days of six union general secretaries being able to outvote the rest of the conference are due to end. Not only has the total union vote been cut from 90 to 70 per cent this week, but from next year the block vote will go as well since delegates will vote on an individual basis.

That will not, however, prevent delegations reaching a common view or being mandated. Most party members will be union members and the unions will retain their group representation on the party's national executive.

The Labour party will therefore remain the political voice of the trade unions, even if this relationship is expressed in a more individual and less collective way than before. Labour's confidence to reform its own structure should, as Mr Smith argued, give credibility to its radical agenda for constitutional change for the country. "As the party of change we must surely be able to change ourselves."

Mr Smith's victory has strengthened his personal position. The other beneficiary has been Mr Prescott, who helped out Mr Smith at a key time yesterday. He could top the poll in the shadow cabinet elections. By contrast Margaret Beckett, the deputy leader, whose main apparent virtue has been loyalty, knocked away that prop and made herself enemies by her equivocation.

The Labour leader has now been given an opportunity. After concentrating on Omov for several months, he now has the chance to start addressing those who have distrusted Labour at the past four elections. Yesterday's win was only a necessary first stage.

PETER RIDDELL

Egg sandwiches, tea — and vital change of heart

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOHN Smith's reform of the link between Labour and the trade unions was finally settled over tea and egg sandwiches in an upstairs room of a community centre for down and outs — by just two votes.

All week Mr Smith's lieutenants had placed their hopes of victory on a voting switch by the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union MSF. Though a union in which the Communist party long held sway, the new leadership under Roger Lyons is more flexible and pragmatic.

Mr Smith's supporters played hard on that pragmatism, and despite the reforms being rejected by the MSF conference in the summer, the Labour leadership maintained their hopes — and saw them fulfilled in an emergency meeting of the union's delegation yesterday lunchtime.

KEY VOTES

The first was to get Labour's transport spokesman John Prescott — popular among both the unions and the constituency parties — to agree to make a rip-roaring wind-up speech. The second was to persuade the MSF delegation that, by opposing Mr Smith on Omov, it would also be rejecting proposals aimed at increasing the number of women MPs — long an MSF policy.

This deft sleight of hand threw the MSF delegation into confusion, and resulted in a hastily convened lunchtime meeting at what was meant to be a secret location.

In fact, delegates were followed by a gaggle of reporters and television crews to the Brighthelm Church and Community Centre where they had rented the second-floor library at a cost of £17.50.

Downstairs, the veteran left-wing MP Tony Benn was speaking at a fringe meeting on single mothers. Upstairs, his son Hilary — the MSF's head of research — was with the 36 voting MSF delegates deciding Mr Smith's fate.

Ann Gibson, the national women's officer, later described the meeting as "heartrending". Over tea, coffee and orange juice, and fuelled by egg, cheese and sardine paste sandwiches, the MSF delegates weighed their loathing for Omov and their support for the union block vote against their desire to see the number of women in the party increase.

The key decision — to abstain on Mr Smith's Omov rule change — was carried by 19 votes to 17, a majority of two. The delegation broke up and vanished out of the back of the building, by the Loaves and Fishes restaurant, to avoid the waiting reporters.

The leadership piled into a waiting taxi to be whisked back to the conference hall, but news of their voting switch arrived in the hall before they did.

Calculator buttons were feverishly punched, previous voting analyses were carefully readjusted, and within half an hour it was clear that Mr Smith was home and dry.

Boost for women MPs

LABOUR yesterday took a big stride towards its goal of getting more women into Parliament (Robert Morgan writes).

Delegates voted to ensure that in half the safe seats that fall vacant there will be women-only shortlists. The same rule will apply to the Tory marginals Labour hopes to capture at the next general election. The conference also gave the NEC power to determine which seats should have a female candidate in the absence of local agreements.

The move was bitterly attacked by John Spellar, a whip and MP for Warley West, and defended by John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary.

Prescott comes to leader's defence

BY ALICE THOMSON

JOHN Prescott, rough diamond of the Labour shadow cabinet, brought the conference to its feet yesterday with his rousing defence of John Smith's plans to reform the unions. In his hour of need Mr Smith turned to the man who for many years has been the thorn in the side of the leadership: a man who was dismissed as a trade union heavy with chips on both shoulders and who was brutally savaged by Neil Kinnock in 1988 over his ambitions to be deputy leader.

It has been a great week for the son of a railwayman, a secondary modern exam failure and former Cunard steward who finally rose through the Workers' Education Association, Ruskin and Hull University. The man who has always urged the party not to forget its "cloth cap image" drew on his roots to give an emotive speech magnificent in its incoherence. And the conference loved him for it.

Behind the scenes Mr Prescott has worked long and hard to achieve his moment. At 6.30 on Tuesday morning, the day of his transport speech he was looking distinctly peaky. "I didn't get to sleep until 5am working on this bloody speech and I was sat in the bar until midnight," he said.

JULIAN HERBERT



John Prescott, wired for sound and "on a roll"

Not renowned for honeyed words or blind obedience, Mr Prescott had 16 interviews to get through in the next 24 hours. With John Smith preoccupied with one member one vote and his deputy Margaret Beckett accused of not giving her leader total support, he could not afford to mess it up.

By 6.50 he was in the conservatory of the Grand Hotel with GMTV. Bloody hell, do they have to look like that," he said as the weather girl pranced over the screen and outside the rain poured down. "Lets have some dignity," he said combing his hair. His tie was dapper red, his pinstripe crisp and his eyebrows well-behaved. "Always look presentable; I learnt that on Cunard."

Swaying in front of the cameras he waited for the end of the piece on UFOs and was off. "I have no reason whatsoever to believe that Margaret doesn't wholeheartedly support John Smith. We all do," he began.

At 7.08 the BBC continuity girl was ushering him up to the BBC *Today* bedroom, where John Humphreys was presiding. "People in the shadow cabinet are complaining that Margaret Beckett ..." John Humphreys suggested mildly. Mr Prescott's voice rose as he took the offensive. "So who are all these guys who haven't got the guts to give their name?"

PERSONALITIES

By 7.21am he was in a white bib while face cream was applied to his jowls. "Gorgeous eyes," the make-up woman said. "Would you challenge Mrs Beckett for the deputy leadership?" he was asked on BBC Breakfast TV. "Certainly not. We give Margaret support like we give it to John Smith." *The Yorkshire Post* wanted to know what he thought of Baroness Thatcher's speech. "Not another bloody Margaret, no-one ever asks me about transport. I'm just deputy to the deputy dog," he growled.

Six interviews later, as we walked to the conference centre, he took every leaflet proffered. "It is common courtesy. I once gave a leaflet to someone and he tore it up in front of me. I said, 'Oh sorry, I didn't realise you couldn't read.'" As he prepared for his big transport speech he kept telling himself, mantra-like, "I must not gabble." By the time he got to the platform he was gabbling so fast that the sign language translators momentarily admitted defeat. But the audience loved it.

Having lunched with his constituents and his wife he made it back in time for Mr Smith's speech. He was the first to congratulate him. By 6.15 he was introduced on Carlton's *London Tonight* as Labour's Mr Heseltine. After dinner he was back on *Newsnight* by 10.20pm. Where once he scowled at BBC presenters now he has learnt to joke with them. Two fringe meetings later he was back in the bar. "I'm on a roll," he said. This week the roll has looked almost unstoppable.

Workers' leaders clash in the final power struggle

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE UNIONS

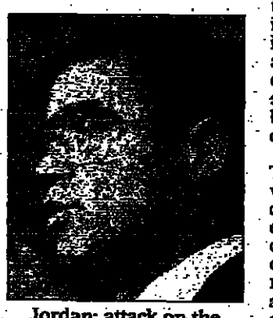
FOUR of Britain's most powerful union leaders locked horns on the floor of the Brighton conference hall yesterday in the final struggle over party democracy.

Bill Jordan, president of the AEEU, which supports John Smith in his attempts to introduce one member one vote, set out the reformers' stall with an attack on the "monstrous inequality" of the union block vote.

It was "the party's weakest link", he said, because it represented privilege in a movement that preached equality. Under the current system a Tory-voting trade unionist paying a political levy of 3p a week had an equal vote with a life-long activist paying ten times as much for party membership. "That's not equality, that's a travesty," he said. His union proposed the vote calling for a straight one member one vote system.

Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the Rail Maritime and Transport union, said the party had reached a historic point after 75 years of links with the trade union movement. "We can no longer take for granted the loyalty of working people. We have to be seen to be a party that exercises democracy in the truest sense of the word." He warned delegates that support for resolutions that preserved the union block vote in the selection of party candidates would leave the unions a "ghost army" to be wheeled out every five years.

The strength of feeling among delegates was exposed by the next speaker, Maggie Jones of Nupe, the public employees' union, when she questioned whether those who planned to vote against the leadership really represented the views of their members.



Jordan: attack on the block vote "inequality"

"Do you speak ... for the real Labour supporters out there? Well, I doubt it. Perhaps you should go and check," she said to jeers from the TGWU and GMB delegations. "They are watching us in disbelief as we tear ourselves apart."

John Edmonds, leader of the GMB union, led the counter-charge of unions opposed to the leadership. "John Smith is a member of our union. We voted for him in the secret ballot last year. We cheered him to the echo yesterday. But on this issue, John, you ask too much of us."

Mr Edmonds went on: "The trouble with the Omov debate is that it has become like an iceberg. The little bit you see above the surface looks benign enough, it even flashes in the sunshine. But it's the nasty bit below the surface that does the damage."

Bill Morris, leader of the TGWU transport workers, which has proposed a motion calling for a return to the old electoral college system for candidate selection, said the debate was "not about giving rights to constituencies, it is about taking away the rights of four million levy payers of this party".

Decision hits a painful nerve

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

CONSTITUENCIES

WAKEFIELD cherishes its strong link with trade unions. The city's Labour activists have similar pride in being a persistent thorn in the side of the party leadership.

For two such disparate reasons, Wakefield Labour party members remain bitterly opposed to Omov. To the 80 paid-up members, Omov marks the potential parting of the ways between party and union and could damage irreparably the grassroots support essential to Labour's future.

The conference motion backed almost unanimously by Wakefield members was one of many constituency resolutions rejecting plans to reduce unions' voting strength. Omov represents a change of policy which strikes a painful nerve in a Yorkshire area where unions, most notably the National Union of Mineworkers, have forged deep and lasting allegiances with the local community.

The strength of Labour members' feeling on Omov underlines the fact that the issue is seen as much more than an interesting academic debate. "This is fundamental to the future of the party," said Donal Mullally, the secretary of the Horbury ward, which proposed the motion.

"We clearly see this as very damaging. Union reform gives credence to modernisers within the party who believe that this is the way to win the election. However, it has also re-awakened the very important argument within the party, which we do not often have, of why we have our relationship with the unions."

While few party members believe that the Labour leader's credibility would have been substantially damaged by defeat, they argue that, equally, he stands to gain little from victory.

Mike Gibson, the constituency's trade union liaison officer, said: "We have to ask ourselves whether it's all been worth it. We are nearly two years on from the election and we've spent it on internal wrangling that very few people bother about."

America warns Moscow against use of force as tensions grow across barricades

Siege rebels threaten to shoot Yeltsin loyalists

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THE commander of the volunteer guards in the blockaded Russian parliament warned government troops yesterday that his forces would fire on them if they moved any closer to the building.

Speaking from the balcony of the White House, Albert Makashov, a hardliner and former general who was stripped of his army rank for his part in the 1991 Soviet coup, said that his men would shoot to kill if interior ministry forces crossed a makeshift barricade erected by anti-Yeltsin supporters during violent clashes on Tuesday night. One traffic policeman, injured when he was crushed under a moving car during scuffles between troops and protesters, died yesterday, the third official on the government side to be killed in the crisis.

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, yesterday sounded a more cautious note than the administration's previously wholehearted support for Mr Yeltsin. "There has been some apprehension with respect to the situation in the Russian White House," he said. Mr Christopher told Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister who is visiting Washington, that the American administration expected the confrontation to be resolved without force. However, the mood of militant demonstrators and the desperate 100 or so deputies inside the building, mixed with weary police and troops exposed to constant provocations, have created a situation in which violence could erupt at any time. The government now has the Supreme Soviet's vast headquarters surrounded and all approach roads are blocked.

Tensions rose again yesterday morning as security forces tried to herd protesters away from the outer barricades. Riot police engaged the demonstrators for the first time, knocking several elderly people to the ground.

In an effort to defuse panic over rumours that the storming of parliament was imminent, the government last night gave the leaders of the opposition — the self-styled "president", Aleksandr Rutskoi, and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker — five days to leave the premises with their supporters or face "severe consequences". But it said it would not use guns to drive them out.

Mikhail Polteranin, a Yeltsin aide, said that the confrontation would be settled in the course of the week. "In principle the president has won. It is like a chess game in which the opening moves are decisive. It is only a question of technical moves to bring it to final triumph."

President Yeltsin is keen to emphasise that he is in charge of the situation, even taking time off to write to Mary Robinson, the Irish president, promising that he would soon make an official visit to the republic despite the turbulence in Moscow, and adding: "Life goes on." But there are signs of discomfiture inside the Kremlin over the deployment of vast numbers of police and troops and the issuing of ultimatums. Sergei Shakrai, Mr Yeltsin's legal adviser, said that he still considered simultaneous elections to parliament and presidency to be the most dignified way out of the conflict. But this proposal has since been dismissed by Mr Yeltsin.

While the president is hoping for a swift end to the impasse, there is every sign that the remaining defenders in parliament are intent on emerging from it as martyrs if they cannot be victors.

Novosibirsk: A group of Siberian council leaders announced yesterday they would establish a separate republic unless President Yeltsin repealed his decree dissolving parliament. The decision came in a document passed almost unanimously by 140 delegates from 14 Siberian regions and semi-autonomous republics. The delegates also threatened to withhold taxes from Moscow.

The move was endorsed by one of Siberia's most influential leaders, Aman Tuleyev, head of the regional soviet in the Kuzbass mining area. He said that the political crisis in Moscow was worsening the position of Siberians. Living conditions were falling fast and he attacked a a government decision to increase bread prices tomorrow. *(Reuter)*



A Russian police chief walking in freezing rain yesterday past officers controlling hardliners near the occupied parliament in Moscow

City shows contempt for madding crowd

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

BURLY and square-jawed, the troops and police stand across the road in the driving sleet of a Moscow autumn. Occasionally they pull back the metal barriers they are manning to let through one of the employees of nearby office blocks who are caught inside the cordons of troops and police.

Taciturn men, they glower silently at the knots of elderly demonstrators near the Russian parliament. A few are drawn into argument; most just stamp their feet and wait. They have their orders.

President Yeltsin's siege of the White House is beginning to turn nasty. The Russian flag still flutters atop the marble building, but there is little sign of life inside. Only the hardest of hardliners are left, perhaps 150 of them, and only a few dozen of their supporters keep up their angry vigil outside.

"Its fascism. The decree [dissolving the parliament] on September 21 was the start of a fascist dictatorship here," one grey-haired man said. "Write that down. Tell the world about it."

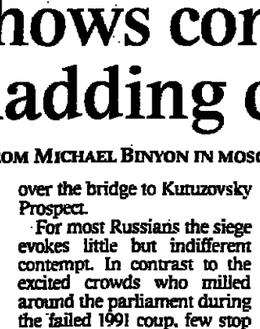
In the wake of late-night scuffles, the police have been reinforced. Interior ministry troops in steel helmets stand side by side, riot shields at the ready, guns clearly visible.

The coiled razor-wire stretches across the road junction and snakes its way along the decaying buildings and fences nearby, but the overladen trolley buses still whine along and a clogged stream of muddy cars crawls slowly over the bridge to Kutuzovsky Prospect.

For most Russians the siege evokes little but indifferent contempt. In contrast to the excited crowds who milled around the parliament during the failed 1991 coup, few stop to gawp. Away from the scene Muscovites continue their daily struggle to make ends meet, giving little thought to the political drama elsewhere in the city.

The American embassy has been isolated inside the cordon. "We are a little inconvenienced," a diplomat there said. "Residents have to run this gauntlet each time they want to get out."

On the other side of the White House, Western firms in the International Trade Centre tower block keep a wary eye on the turmoil, occasionally peeping out of their windows "to see if we need to leave", as one said.



Yeltsin: his siege is starting to turn nasty

British Airways has advised customers to make their bookings and pay for tickets by telephone rather than try to brave the traffic jams and police presence, but there has been no rush of foreigners wanting to leave.

Nor has Moscow yet seen any panic buying. Most Russians are more worried by reports that price controls are to be lifted on bread, one of the last staples still fixed at an uneconomically low price.

Surprisingly, as the tension rises in the wake of another police death, so does the rouble. Heavy central bank intervention has curbed the freefall that began a week ago and the rouble is back to a healthy 1,785 to the pound, a figure that borders on hyper-inflation but these days seems perfectly normal to Russians.

A nearby hospital is reported to be on standby, in case there are any more injuries, and the police numbers have risen to about 2,000. Nobody is taking any chances despite repeated assurances that the government does not intend to storm the building.

In the words of a security ministry official: "There are so many madmen and arms in the country at the moment that it is better to take preventive measures instead of facing unpredictable consequences." But the consequences of this bizarre siege are indeed unpredictable. Perhaps the many Russians who think that all those caught up in it are mad have a point.

Russian generals 'ordered' assault on city of Sukhumi

FROM AFP IN TBILISI

- Russian naval vessels evacuated about 3,000 refugees from the region. Suspicion about Russia's role in the conflict is growing

AN AIDE of Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, claimed yesterday that Russian generals had ordered the capture of the Abkhazian city of Sukhumi. He spoke as Russian naval vessels evacuated about 3,000 refugees from the embattled region.

Timur Stepanov, one of Mr Shevardnadze's advisers, said that "high-ranking" generals had given the order and organised military support for the separatist attack on the Abkhazian capital, which fell on Monday after an 11-day offensive. Tass reported that the pro-independence parliament of Abkhazia, which was routed out of Sukhumi 13 months ago by Georgian government troops, had returned many of its offices to the Abkhazian capital.

The 13-month war between separatist forces and Georgian government troops in Abkhazia has claimed at least 3,000 lives and plunged the country into political and economic chaos. More than 2,800 refugees from Abkhazia arrived in the southwestern Georgian port of Poti after being evacuated from the conflict zone aboard Russian naval vessels.

The evacuation of the refugees from Abkhazia was the last of several such operations organised by Russian vessels of the Black Sea Fleet which have evacuated some 14,000 elderly people, women and children from the battle zone in the past three days.



Shevardnadze: blamed military headquarters

The fall of Sukhumi launched an exodus of about 120,000 Georgian nationals from Abkhazia, according to Georgian officials, and the Zugdidi information centre said 50,000 refugees had crossed western Georgia in the past three days to flee the fighting.

Mr Stepanov refused to identify the Russian generals but stated that he knew their names and that they had given the order to Russian troops based in the Black Sea republic to join in the battle for Abkhazian independence. His remarks came after Mr Shevarnadze told a news conference on Tuesday that the assault had been planned by Russian military headquarters. The aide mentioned other officials, including the pro-communist Russian deputy Sergei Baburin.

Economic ills plague Kirghizia reforms

FROM REUTER IN TASHKENT

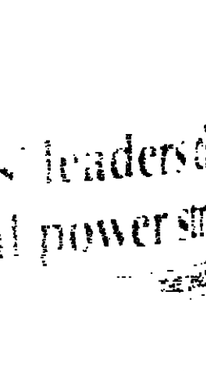
KIRGHIZIA, praised as a model of reform by President Clinton in May, is slipping deeper into economic crisis. Official figures quoted from Bishkek, the capital, yesterday show that production is falling and inflation is rising.

The som currency, introduced in May, is little liked and little trusted. Banks are reluctant to buy the currency in exchange for either dollars or roubles. Yesterday street moneychangers were offering one som for 130 to 140 roubles, against a May issue price of 200 roubles.

"The outlook is not good. Production is falling," said Yuri Didenko, deputy chairman of the federation of Kirghizian trade unions. He said the introduction of the som was partly to blame.

The state statistics committee figures show that industrial output fell 28 per cent and agricultural production 21 per cent in the first seven months of 1993, compared with the same period last year. Month-on-month inflation hit 19.6 per cent in August compared to 18.2 per cent in July.

Industrialists in Bishkek said they were experiencing problems in paying for imported raw materials. They said suppliers would not accept som in payment and banks were reluctant to change large quantities of som into roubles. Banks refused outright to change som into dollars, they said.



Eastern mafias tighten grip on German cities

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE body of a Düsseldorf lawyer was found slumped yesterday in the doorway of an exclusive shop on Berlin's Kurfürstendamm boulevard. It was the latest of several killings in recent days that have been attributed to organised crime.

The Berlin prosecutor's office says it is currently investigating 834 cases of organised economic crime, but a spokesman admits that this figure is little more than "an ice cube perched on top of an iceberg". The caseload includes racketeers who used former east German companies to launder money or to slip funds from east German secret police accounts into newly established private companies.

A parliamentary enquiry has disclosed clear links between organised crimes — in the drugs trade, smuggling and prostitution — and some firms set up by former east German communists. The problem is proving the existence of these networks.

One east German manager, under investigation for his mafia links, swiftly transferred £200,000 of suspect money to the account of his wife. "That was her housekeeping allowance," he told Joachim Erbe, the Berlin state prosecutor.

"He's untouchable," laments Herr Erbe. "It's as if the criminals are in sports cars and we are chasing them on kids' scooters."

Albrecht Krieger, of Treuhand, the government agency in charge of privatising the east German economy, claims that he has a register of 6,000 former communists or ex-agents who have become involved in buying up former state companies. The source of their capital is often suspect, but the company workers are willing to accept them and disapprove of investigation, fearing that the "men with red socks" are the only chance of averting bankruptcy and unemployment.

As the recession bites, the barons of the shadow economy have stepped up their activities. This has led directly to gangland killings in Berlin, Frankfurt and Hamburg. The federal criminal agency has identified at least three main ethnic mafias at work: Turkish/Kurdish, Vietnamese and Russian.

Turkish or Kurdish syndicates now dominate heroin smuggling and distribution in Germany, and are washing their money through travel agencies, transport companies and small shops.

A Vietnamese mafia has been smuggling and distributing cheap cigarettes throughout eastern Germany. The profits have been channelled through Chinese restaurants and there have been several cases of chefs and proprietors killed by gangsters with samurai swords. Russian syndicates have become general distributors of stolen former Soviet army provisions: canned food, tents and uniforms, but also light and heavy weapons. The first source of supply was a Russian army barracks in Wünsdorf, south of Berlin, but as corrupt officers return home as part of Moscow's military withdrawal, the distribution line stretches directly from Moscow to the German city.

Russian businessmen arrive in Berlin to buy stolen video recorders and car parts, while Berlin-based Russian crooks sell off tons of CS gas canisters and other goods. There are 300 Russian gangs operating in and around Berlin.

There are other groups at work. Polish gangs steal Western limousines and drive them quickly to Central Europe, and Georgian and Chechen gangs have reportedly devised a way of transporting stolen Western vehicles to the East by train.



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Muslim conditions strangle hope for Bosnia peace pact

FROM REUTER IN SARAJEVO

■ The Sarajevo leadership still wants negotiations with its enemies to resume on the return of land taken by force and to undo the gains made by "ethnic cleansing"

BOSNIA'S Muslim-led parliament accepted the latest peace plan yesterday, but imposed conditions that cast doubt on prospects for a settlement.

The parliamentarians voted to accept the deal that would divide their former Yugoslav republic into three ethnic mini-states, with the proviso that "territory seized by force" be returned. Fifty-eight of the 69 deputies endorsed the conditional acceptance of the proposals hammered out last week, Miro Lazovic, the parliamentary president, said.

The outcome is seen as a virtual rejection of the peace plan, because Serbs and Croats, who hold 90 per cent of Bosnia-Herzegovina after 17 months of civil war, have said that they are not prepared to make any further territorial concessions.

Bosnian Muslims had their demands for access to the sea accepted at last week's meeting of the warring factions, but Serbs rejected Muslim calls for 4 per cent more land in eastern Bosnia. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, has said the Serbs had already made seven territorial concessions to the Muslims and that "enough is enough". He has threatened to revoke all concessions if the peace plan is not signed.

Ejup Ganic, the Bosnian vice-president, said after the parliamentary vote that negotiations should now resume on "the return of land taken by force and where there had been genocide".

The Muslim-led government is bitter about an international arms embargo on Bosnia which drastically weakened its defences against foes sponsored by neighbouring Croatia and Serbia. It has campaigned for Western military intervention in the war to help it win back territory and is reluctant to accept a peace settlement that would hand the spoils of war to the Bosnian Croats and Serbs. "The parliament acted in such a way as to create conditions so that eventually the international troops will come here," Mr Ganic said. "It would be better if we reverse the results of ethnic cleansing by negotiations and if troops come here to preserve the peace. That is something very realistic that parliament outlined." As the parliament voted, Nato allies in Brussels considered plans to deploy some 50,000 peacekeeping troops in Bosnia to enforce any agreement. Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, said that the Western alliance must first be given the job by the United Nations and be sure that all parties were committed to making an agreement work before any guarantee could be given.

The force planned by the alliance would need a clear mandate and rules of engagement and any Nato operation should be limited in time, he said, speaking before the Sarajevo parliamentary vote. "All those conditions are not yet there, you cannot expect Nato to give a guarantee at this very moment," Herr Wörner said, adding that he had no doubt the alliance would take on the job if it were satisfied on all of those points.

Bosnian radio said fighting raged between the Croats and Muslims in Gornji Vakuf in central Bosnia. It said four children were killed in Croat and Serb shelling of Maglaj on Tuesday. Two Bosnian Muslim soldiers were killed and four wounded in shell attacks on Mostar.

Bosnian radio said the 5th Corps of the Muslim-led government army loyal to President Izetbegovic was asking people to stay calm in the maverick Bihac pocket in northwest Bosnia, which declared itself an autonomous province on Monday.

Belgrade: Thousands of people took to the streets in the Bosnian Muslim enclave of Bihac to try to foil an army crackdown on a local rebellion against President Izetbegovic (Tim Judah writes). Unconfirmed reports from Zagreb radio said 15,000 women and children had formed a human chain to prevent troops taking action to secure the town of Pecigrad.



A Muslim boy sprinting for cover across a sniper's alley in the Muslim-held eastern part of Mostar yesterday. Bosnian radio reported that two Muslim soldiers had been killed and four wounded in sporadic shell attacks on the town, which is in southern Bosnia-Herzegovina

Briton who spied on drug gang sues Germans for back pay

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOT AND ROGER BOYES

A BRITON is suing the German authorities for £40,000 he claims he is owed for his work as an undercover agent who broke up an alleged ring of Croatian gun, drugs and uranium smugglers.

A lawyer for Jack Christian, once an informer for British Customs, has begun proceedings against the Bavarian authorities a year after German federal police and Customs arrested 18 people with his tip-off. Mr Christian posed as a Mafia financier for months to infiltrate the gang that operated out of a handful of Munich-based companies. He claims he was promised a fee of £40,000 for his part in the operation. He is the first undercover agent to break his cover to take such action.

The arrests began when undercover police raided a Munich car park in an operation to arrest Zeljko Fain, a Croatian gang leader, in possession of 8lb of heroin. He is in prison but no date has been set for his trial. The rest appear to have been freed without charge. Mr Christian, 50, believes there is a cover-up by the federal authorities. He said: "I have done my end of the deal but no one seems to want to know me."

Mr Christian became an informer after joining a gang of south London criminals who wanted to establish the largest amphetamine smuggling operation in Britain. He met some of its members while serving a prison sentence for fraud. However, during the planning he became scared and decided to turn them in. He began working for Customs and was paid £30,000 for his part in breaking up the ring.

Six men were sentenced in 1990 for their part in trying to smuggle into Britain amphetamines worth £3 million. A £50,000 contract was put out on his life. He and his family were moved to France, where he began moving in European criminal circles, passing information to the French Customs and the Drug Enforcement Authority. Eighteen months ago he began working for the Germans. He is now in a safe house in Germany with his wife and family. The rent is paid by German Customs and he is protected by the police. However, his former handlers in Customs and the Munich state prosecutor's office will no longer speak to him.

Mr Christian believes the German government is concerned that publicity over the case will lead to embarrassment as Mr Fain and his gang are suspected of making a number of successful shipments of arms to Croatia, using Munich as a base to coordinate the runs. Mr Fain was a director of a group of companies with offices in the Bavarian capital. He moved effortlessly throughout Eastern Europe striking illegal deals, using contacts he made in his days as a senior official in the Yugoslav tourist authority.

He smuggled Marlboro cigarettes and whisky into Eastern Europe and also traded in arms and drugs. He offered uranium to Mr Christian, who told him he had a Third World customer for it. On one occasion, Mr Fain set up a deal to sell Mr Christian 30 Czech-made armoured personnel carriers and 1,000 Kalashnikovs. He arranged a viewing of the carriers at a factory in Slovakia for Mr Christian, who was accompanied by a reporter posing as a middle man for a potential buyer. The deal was worth $28 million (£18.5 million).

To encourage Mr Fain to believe in Mr Christian's cover as a Mafia financier with access to large sums of cash, the German authorities arranged to have six million marks (£2.45 million) paid into the Zentral Raiffenkasse bank in Munich. The money was shown to Mr Fain to prove good faith.

In turn, Mr Fain brought 8lb of heroin to Munich as the first part of a consignment of 105lb. It was then that the German authorities decided to move in. Details of two previous arms shipments were found on one of Mr Fain's lieutenants when he was arrested, but Mr Christian says the arms trading enquiry appears to have been abandoned.

Hans-Georg Warken, Mr Christian's lawyer, filed a notice of proceedings in Munich under civil law seeking the payment of his reward. The Munich state prosecutor's office could not say anything other than that Mr Fain was in custody and no date had been set for his trial.

Ill-health forces Comrade Georges to retire

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

GEORGES Marchais, 73, the leader of the French Communist Party since 1970, who considered Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, a dangerous liberal, yesterday announced his retirement because of ill health.

His departure removes from the political stage one of France's most vivid and caricatured postwar politicians. A former Parisian metalworker, he remained loyal to Brezhnev's Kremlin and the strictures of Leninism as he presided over his party's decline from being a force that garnered more than a quarter of the vote in elections. His biggest mistake was probably to accept an alliance with François Mitterrand's victorious Socialists in 1981. Although this put Communist ministers in office for four years, it crippled the party as a vigorous critic on the left.

M Marchais was a powerful speaker with piercing blue eyes and a strong line in righteous indignation. He drove away voters with his dogged support for Soviet policies and the "fraternal parties" of Eastern Europe, but in the 1981 presidential election he won more than 15 per cent of the first-round vote.

In 1979 he backed the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, broadcasting from Moscow. That action marked a shift from the party's earlier criticism of the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia. Throughout the 1980s M Marchais fended off rivals and fought a rearguard action against his own reformers, causing several to be expelled from the party apparatus.

He has for a long time been dogged by suspicions about his activities in the second world war, during which he worked in the Messerschmitt factories of Nazi Germany. He claims he was deported into forced labour, but critics say he volunteered.



Marchais: a vivid figure of the left

Unions give Bonn warning of autumn discontent over pay

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY was heading yesterday for an autumn of industrial unrest after tough opening shots fired by employers in the engineering industry. The employers' federation, Gesamtmetall, signalled to four million workers that it wanted to terminate not only the binding wage contract but also a ten-year-old accord regulating holidays.

The annual wage round is usually a rather theatrical affair in which German employers and unions exchange hard words but gradually come to compromise. This year it looks set to be particularly bitter and may even shatter the delicate consensus that has distinguished German industrial relations since the war. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, has emphasised that Germans must work harder and sacrifice holiday time to increase the country's international competitiveness.

"There will be a brush fire throughout society," said Ursula Engelen Kefer, the trade union federation leader. Other tade unionists gave warnings that Germany could again be plunged into months of strikes in key industries such as motor and ship-building.

"This is a double assault on workers' wages," said Klaus Zwickel, acting leader of the metalworkers' union. "First the workers have to pay by losing jobs and then they have to pay again by losing wages."

Three factors are changing the German industrial climate. First, the entry of east German workers into the old west German union structure has added a note of unpredictability. Earlier this year, eastern workers went on strike and seemed to be barely under union leaders' control.

Second, the balance within the employers' federation has shifted away from big companies such as Daimler Benz which could absorb higher wages to buy peace on the shop floor to smaller companies that do not want to give ground. Finally, the Christian Democratic Union-led government has shifted noticeably to the right and seems to be abandoning its conciliatory approach to worker demands.

Rebuke by Pope riles separatists

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

AN unprecedented series of forays into Italian politics by the Pope have outraged opposition parties and bewildered pundits who proclaimed that at 73, and after an intestinal operation last year, his pontificate was effectively over.

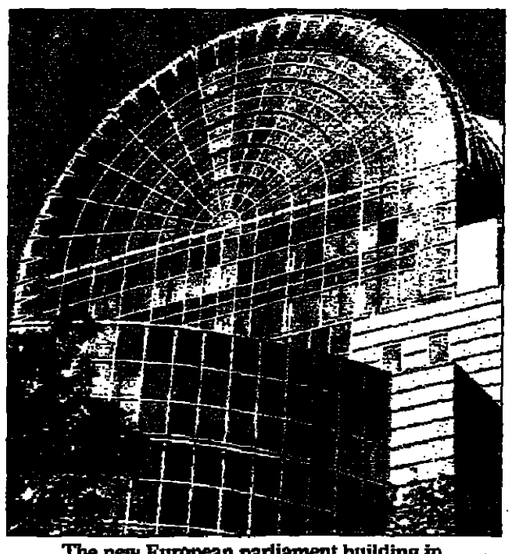
In his latest pronouncement, the Polish pontiff launched what was seen as an attack on the devolutionist Lombardy League. "The nation, that is to say that great society to which man belongs on the basis of particular cultural and historical ties, is a human reality of fundamental value, having a right to her own identity and her own development," he said in a message to a meeting of Christian Democrat leaders.

"If in a nation, and this is the actual case in Italy, politics is in crisis, this [the nation] must be restored to its role, just as in civil society, the market and institutions have to be restored. When one encounters a decline in the sense of the state, this is the very thing that has to be restored."

Commentators said the Pope's remarks were intended as support for Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the prime minister, who is facing an autumn campaign by the Lombardy League to create a federalist state. League leaders responded angrily. Gianfranco Miglio, the political philosopher, said that "in the end, the choirboys of the Vatican will have to pay the bill", meaning the league would press for reduced rights for the Holy See. Vatican sources say the Pope is deeply perturbed by the deep divisions growing within Italian society.

MEPs grace glass palace

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS



The new European parliament building in Brussels will cost £17 million a year to rent

AFTER almost four decades of argument over where the European parliament should be based, Brussels scored a victory yesterday over the competing French city of Strasbourg with the inauguration of the new building here.

The 518 MEPs met for the first time in the palace whose glass, barrel-vaulted roof towers over the EC quarter of the city. The building will cost the Twelve almost £17 million a year to rent. Peter Price, a British Tory MEP, estimates that the parliament will waste a further £500 million a year in transporting members and their staff to Strasbourg every few weeks. Last year EC leaders guaranteed France that the assembly would meet there at least once a month.

Yesterday's session opened with the president asking that members should not "turn it into the House of Commons".

Mitsotakis prepares for exit

FROM MALCOLM BRABANT IN ATHENS

CONSTANTINE Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister, has promised to step down as leader of the conservative New Democracy party if it loses the forthcoming general election.

He tried to shrug off opinion polls which have consistently showed New Democracy trailing the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok), led by Andreas Papandreou, by as much as 10 per cent.

However, during a radio interview Mr Mitsotakis, 75, conceded that he would "immediately begin the process for the selection of a new leader" should New Democracy lose.

Most political commentators say that it is just a question of when, not if, Pasok wins, and in an attempt to fight off the inevitable, Mr Mitsotakis has kept up his attacks on Mr Papandreou's record as prime minister from 1981 to 1989.

He said: "Was it not Papandreou who once held up Gaddafi as a model of democracy? Was it not Papandreou who used to praise the old regime in Albania?" He has also accused the former socialist leader of suggesting that Greece should have backed President Saddam Hussein during the Gulf war.

Gerasimos Arsenis, a cabinet member in the last Pasok government, yesterday tried to ease Western fears that a Papandreou victory would be accompanied by a maverick, non-aligned, Third World stance.

He said: "A Pasok government will be a government with a very steady European orientation. Mr Papandreou is fundamentally European. He knows America very well, he is almost an American by culture. But he has been misunderstood because he tried to change the foreign policy of Greece from one of dependence to one of being independent."

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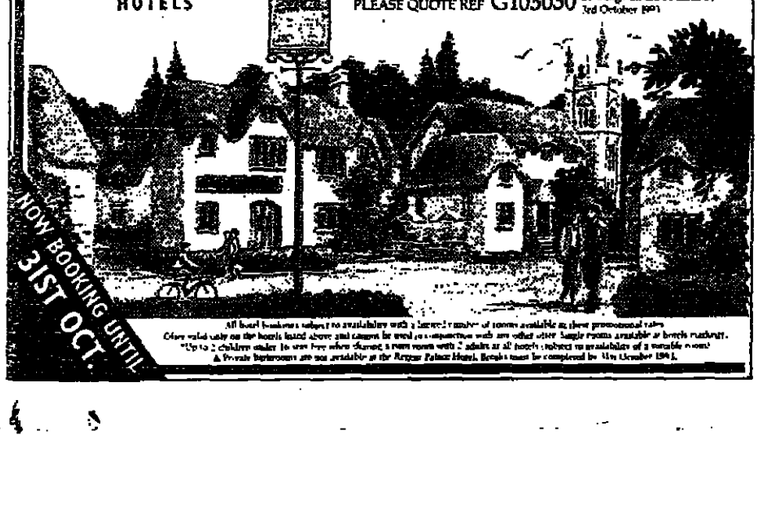
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China warns Patten it may revoke 1995 elections

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA issued a warning yesterday that it would ignore the 1995 elections for the Hong Kong Legislative Council and order a fresh poll when it takes over the colony in 1997 unless Chris Patten, the governor, abandoned his plans to widen democracy.

The threat came from Qian Qichen, the Chinese foreign minister, in a speech in New York two days before his meeting with Douglas Hurd, his British counterpart, to discuss the future of Hong Kong. Mr Qian demanded that Britain must agree to all of China's conditions, which effectively mean the withdrawal of the reforms put forward by Mr Patten.

The Chinese oppose the Patten blueprint, which foresees "free and fair elections" based on a wide franchise, and resulting in a Legislative Council in which almost half the members are in effect directly elected. Peking insists that the elections must be based on a small electorate for most of the seats, based on professional groupings that can be manipulated.

Britain wants those elected in 1995 to serve until 1999, when the next polls for the 60-member council are to be held, and insists that anyone elected in 1995 should be regarded as a legal member. Peking emphasises that criteria such as loyalty and patriotism must be applied, which would mean that certain members elected in 1995 would probably be disqualified two years later.

It had been assumed by many in the Hong Kong government that Peking would not disturb a legally elected council, although it has often denounced the body as a colonial poodle. But Mr Qian dashed that hope. Either the two countries agree on all matters, he said, or China would hold fresh elections in 1997 and "change the existing government line-up".

This is a blow to his talks with Mr Hurd, which are set to last for two and half hours tomorrow, and may be Mr Qian's riposte to the foreign secretary's statement last week that Peking was morally unqualified to be awarded the 2000 Olympic Games, which went to Sydney.

Little hope had been held out for the talks, which were supposed originally to spur the Sino-British Peking negotiations on Hong Kong, which finished their twelfth session last Monday, with statements from both sides that after 100 hours little if anything had been accomplished. Sir Robin McLaren, leader of the British team, said on Monday that he expected little from the ministerial conversation tomorrow, which he carefully noted were not negotiations.

Mr Patten last night dismissed Mr Qian's attack as "neither accurate nor helpful". The council was to be fairly elected, he said, and to bow to Chinese demands, which in effect was an encouragement to rig the elections, would be to violate the treaty on Hong Kong which Britain and China signed in 1984.

The governor was to attend a Chinese national day reception last night in Hong Kong and speak of China's economic future as one of long-term promise. Mr Patten would also call for the rigorous implementation of the concept of "one country, two systems" which Peking had promised would guard Hong Kong's "high degree of autonomy" after 1997.

☐ **Takeover cleared:** The securities watchdog last night removed the last hurdle preventing Malaysian tycoon Robert Kuok's Kerry Media from acquiring 34.9 per cent of South China Morning Post (Holdings) from News Corp.

The Securities and Futures Commission ruled that Kerry Media need not make a general offer for the group's shares if it went ahead with its deal made earlier this month to buy 34.9 per cent of the SCMP from Rupert Murdoch's News Corp for $349 million (£232 million). The stake is just short of a 35 percent threshold under which Kerry would have to make a full takeover bid.

The commission said its panel on takeovers and mergers found that Mr Kuok would not be regarded as acting in concert with News Corp in relation to the SCMP. News Corp will retain a 15.1 percent stake in SCMP after the deal, which allowed Mr Kuok to pull out if a general offer were required. *(Reuter)*

CHINESE dissident Han Dongfang, 30, said yesterday he would sue the Chinese Public Security Bureau for illegally expelling him from China (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

He returned to Canton on August 13 after living in the United States for a year, was arrested by the PSB and forcibly removed to Hong Kong. Mr Dongfang spent 22 months in prison after the Tiananmen Square democracy protests in 1989 for having been the key organiser of trade unions.

He was freedand permitted to go Boston, with his wife, for medical treatment. Shortly after his removal to Hong Kong the PSB declared that while abroad Mr Dongfang had acted illegally, that he was being "denied entry to China" and that his passport had been revoked.

Army reserves cut as Israel reaps peace dividend

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL is planning to slash its defence spending and substantially reduce the size of its military force over the coming years in the first sign that the country wants to cash in its peace dividend.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister who also serves as defence minister, said in response to a parliamentary question in the Knesset that the military planned to reduce by half the number of reserve soldiers in the army by 1996 in an effort "to save money and increase efficiency". The cutback to the reserves, who provide more than two thirds of Israel's 606,000 men and women in uniform, is the first in what is expected to be a series of changes to make the Israel Defence Force a smaller and more efficient army, while maintaining its qualitative edge over its Arab neighbours.

The first major savings to defence costs are expected in the coming nine months when, according to the agreement signed between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation three weeks ago, the Israeli military will dismantled and withdraw the bulk of its forces from the occupied territories.

Although the exact number of troops serving in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is a secret, it is estimated that as many as 20,000 soldiers are involved in policing, guarding and administering the occupied territories. Under the peace agreement the Israeli military government will be dismantled by the summer of next year, by which point most of the policing duties will have been handed over to a Palestinian security force. Under the present system all Israeli men must serve three years national service and continue to serve in the reserves until the age of 45. Women in the Israeli army serve for two years in non-combat roles. The training costs and notorious overmanning of the Israeli military will probably lead to a far stricter selection procedure and possibly a phasing out of mandatory service for women. The reserve duty ceiling is also likely to be lowered. Senior military sources said that in the coming decade the major threat to Israel's security would probably not come from its Arab neighbours but from radical states such as Iran which are developing nuclear weapons and long-range missiles. In this instance, the shrinking defence allocations are better spent on a strong air force, highly trained combat troops and sophisticated anti-missile weaponry and satellite intelligence rather than swelling the ranks of support units or retraining ageing reservists.



An orthodox Jew in Jerusalem carries a bundle of canes to cover a succa or tabernacle during Succoth, the holiday which began last night

Inkatha township chief shot dead 'by professionals'

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

SAMMY Motha, the head of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party in Kwathema township, outside Johannesburg, was shot dead yesterday as he left his home shortly before dawn for work.

His killers appeared to be professional murderers: only five cartridge cases, four from an AK47 assault rifle, and one 9mm, were found.

Police said that an attempt was made on Tuesday night to kill Peter Mokaba, the leader of the African National Congress youth league, at his home in Johannesburg.

A few hours earlier, Mr Mokaba, who has embarrassed the organisation and angered whites with his public chants of "Kill the Boer, kill the farmer", demanded at an ANC rally that "that criminal de Klerk take his dogs out of our townships". He was referring specifically to the internal stability unit, a division of specially trained men, both black and white, which used to be known far more accurately as the riot squad.

Both events are seen by the liberation movement to underscore the belief that a skilled "third force" is operating in addition to the gangs of ANC and Inkatha supporters who embark on waves of killings in the townships.

A report by the Human Rights Commission, allied to the ANC, says that nearly 10,000 people were killed and nearly twice as many injured in political violence between July 1990 and June 1992. It forecasts that if the trend continues another 2,000 could die before April's planned all-race elections.

Max Coleman, the commission's national chairman, said it acknowledged that some of the violence could be blamed on criminals but there was also "third force" activity. The standing commission of enquiry into the causes of political violence, under Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, has rejected this.

Professor Tom Lodge, of the University of Witwatersrand, said yesterday: "There is no evidence of a sinister national conspiracy. There is circumstantial evidence that there are elements of the security forces who do not want to co-operate with what is developing, but I prefer to keep an open mind."

Congress gives Clinton ultimatum on Somalia

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

SIGNALLING growing congressional opposition to the continued deployment of American troops in Somalia, the House of Representatives on Tuesday night voted overwhelmingly for a non-binding resolution urging President Clinton either to justify the operation or face the possibility of having its funding cut.

By 406 votes to 26 the House set October 15 as the deadline for him to reply and gave him until November 15 to seek congressional authorisation. The same resolution was approved by the Senate three weeks ago.

Benjamin Gilman, a New York Republican, told the House that Somalia had become a "deadly sandtrap for our American forces and it is time to get out". Dan Burton, a Republican from Indiana, said: "We could end up with our people getting killed by the hundreds, like sitting ducks."

Officials meanwhile disclosed that Mr Clinton has reiterated to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, that he wants the 1,300 US combat troops in Somalia to be moved to ships offshore and to be used only for emergency operations. The rest of the 4,700 American servicemen in Somalia, apart from 400 Army Rangers, have primarily logistical duties.

The way US troops have been sucked into urban guerrilla warfare in Mogadishu is fast eroding congressional support for sending 25,000 troops to police any settlement in Bosnia and Mr Clinton is urgently seeking ways gracefully to draw down the American Somalia force without wrecking the entire UN operation in the country. He is reported, however, to be encountering some resistance from Dr Boutros Ghali.

On Tuesday Mr Clinton called for new efforts to build a political structure in Somalia that would isolate Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive warlord, and remove the focus from attempts to capture him. He also called for a fixed date by which all US troops would be withdrawn from Somalia, and the rotation of US troops with forces from other nations until then.



Clinton: wants combat troops moved offshore

Also on Tuesday Dr Boutros Ghali sent a letter to Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, which, according to *The Washington Post*, urged the UN to accelerate efforts to build an "interim political authority" to administer Somalia. At the same time he issued a warning against any slackening of attempts to capture General Aidid and declared that a premature American withdrawal would have a devastating effect on the UN operation.

Dr Boutros Ghali is reported to have promised to visit Somalia next month to demonstrate the UN's commitment to a political settlement, and to enlist the help of neighbouring states to encourage a political dialogue among Somalia's warring factions.

William Ress-Mogg, page 18

NEWS IN BRIEF

Powell bows out as US forces chief

Washington: General Colin Powell, 56, retires today after four years as the hugely-popular chairman of America's joint chiefs of staff amid a blaze of speculation about his presidential ambition.

Castro gesture

Miami: Fidel Castro, the Cuban president, has agreed to take back up to 1,500 convicts who left Cuba in 1980 and now languish in US jails.

Coalition deal

Warsaw: Waldemar Pawlak, 34, a farmers' son, was frontrunner to be prime minister after a deal between his Polish Peasants Party and former communists. *(Reuter)*

Aide acquitted

Paris: Alain Boublil, a senior aide to Pierre Bérégovoy, later the prime minister, in 1988, was cleared of charges arising from the Péchiney insider trading scandal.

Confused vote

Sydney: A poll for *The Australian* found 39 per cent of Australians favour a republic, a 7 per cent drop since the last survey.

Jackson's Neverland threatened by fire

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A fierce brush fire which has burned through 20,000 acres in the Santa Ynez valley northwest of Los Angeles, yesterday threatened to engulf the Neverland Ranch belonging to Michael Jackson, the beleagured pop singer.

Some of the animals from Mr Jackson's personal zoo, which includes giraffes, chimps and zebras, have already been evacuated from the 2,700-acre ranch. The Santa Barbara fire department said yesterday that although the blaze was still at least a mile away from Mr Jackson's property, the dry undergrowth was burning rapidly, fanned by winds in the direction of the Neverland Ranch.

Mr Jackson, who faces continuing allegations that he molested a 13-year-old boy, is currently in Gstaad, Switzerland, on the latest leg of his world tour. Swiss newspapers reported that he was resting from the tour in a chalet belonging to Elizabeth Taylor, who is a close friend. It was not clear if Ms Taylor was in Gstaad with the American singer.

One of Mr Jackson's foibles, which may be about to pay dividends if the fire reaches his property, is his much-mocked decision to build a private fire station on his ranch at a cost of $200,000 (£132,000).

The fire in the Los Padres National Forest was started on Saturday when two hunters threw cigarette ends into some under-brush. Although the hunters will not be charged with arson, they will be billed for the cost of fighting the fire, so far estimated at over $2 million. Armed with water-spraying helicopters, aircraft water tankers and bulldozers, 2,400 firefighters were yesterday battling to contain the blaze.

Residents of the nearby Zaca Lake Ranch have been advised to leave their homes, but firefighters said yesterday that no structures had been burned.

A Filipino man who managed the Neverland Ranch between 1988 and 1990, and alleges he saw Mr Jackson sexually molesting young boys on at least two occasions, has announced plans to sue Mr Jackson and his private detective for describing him as a "failed extortionist". Mariano Quindoy said he had given evidence to police which could lead to criminal charges being filed against Mr Jackson.

"Nobody can call me an extortionist and get away with it," Mr Quindoy said.

No criminal charges have been filed against Mr Jackson in relation to the allegations, but the father of the boy who claims the singer molested him has filed a civil suit against the 35-year-old entertainer.



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Vive Marie-Antoinette

The execution 200 years ago of the queen who never said 'Let them eat cake' is now being criticised as her reputation is being reassessed.

Charles Bremner reports

Two hundred years ago next month, France said good riddance to Marie-Antoinette. *The guillotine, it was* held, was too good for the frivolous, extravagant, manipulative and debauched queen whose severed head was paraded to the crowd before being dumped between her legs at the Madeleine graveyard. If her spirit is watching, it must be drawing satisfaction from her vindication as France gears up for lavish commemorations.

These include half a dozen biographies, including one by the Comtesse de Paris, the pretender to the queen's job, an exhibition, ceremonies and a pageant in the Palais des Sports, opening tomorrow. The audiences will watch an actress playing the queen at her trial and then vote on her sentence. To judge from current sentiment and polls last January on the bicentenary of her husband's execution, she is sure to get off. They showed that 91 per cent of citizens condemned the regicide.

It scarcely need be said that the historians, feminists and nostalgists for the *ancien regime* have come together to explain that Princess Maria-Antonia of Austria as she was born and the Widow Capet, as she died, got an exceedingly bad rap in 1793. She was not, her supporters argue, a Hapsburg Tammy Faye Bakker, a cross between Imelda Marcos and the Roman Empress Messaline, who splurged the taxpayer's money on herself and favourites, hired and fired ministers, and indulged in orgies dressed as a shepherdess. She never even said "Let them eat cake".

Her modern supporters see her, of course, as a victim and role model. To continue the jargon, she was the naive product of a neglected childhood, a "passive-reactive" who overcame a self-esteem problem and an impotent husband, was eventually empowered by motherhood, endured injustice and died with dignity.

Not everyone is happy, however, with her fabled last words, "Sorry, I didn't do it on purpose", which she spoke after stepping on her executioner's foot. While the loyalists see the apology as the ultimate in grace and noblesse oblige, American feminists cringe over the example of ingratiating servility bred into women.

The queen's admirers are drawing on a wealth of recent research which has turned up archives and letters of the time. These show the queen to have been more complicated than the caricature of the pornographic and calumnious pamphlets and songs that circulated before the deluge. The last of 15 children of Empress Maria-Theresa of Austria, Marie-Antoinette was illiterate when wed to the dauphin at the age of 15 in 1770. She suffered seven years before Louis consummated the marriage. A popular ditty of the time mocked the royal dysfunction. "About the king, everyone quietly wonders. Can he or can he not? The sad queen despairs, fa-la-la. Some say he cannot get it up. Others say he cannot get it in."

To the relief of both dynasties, the princess Marie-Therese, *Madame Royale*, was born in 1778 after Marie-Antoinette's brother went to Versailles to tick her off.

As we now know, the king was no dullard of legend but a well-intentioned family man who preferred his locksmith hobby to politics. The queen had a sharp tongue, a sunny disposition and a quota of lovers and her fondness for jewellery and fun did dent the national treasury. But she also became a devoted mother and grew into her regal role while enduring constant nagging from her own family who were horrified at gossip about her excesses. "I see you striding with nonchalant calm towards your ruin," warned the Empress in one maternal missif.

Her letters and the memoirs of Madame Royale, who died in 1851, show that it was in her final years of house arrest, then close captivity at the Conciergerie prison, that she came into her own, bearing humiliation with courage.

In her farewell to her sister-in-law on the eve of her execution, Marie-Antoinette wrote: "I have just been condemned, not to a shameful death — it is only that for criminals, but to rejoin your brother. Innocent, like him, I hope to show the same resolve as he did in his final moments."

Andre Castelot, the leading Marie-Antoinette historian, offers excruciating detail of the ordeal in his new book, *The Trial of Marie-Antoinette*. When the reviled "Madame Deficit" finally took pathetic leave of her children and reached the scaffold on October 16, she was an emaciated and grey-haired woman of almost 38 years.

Napoleon called her execution "worse than a regicide" and her first rehabilitation came with the Restoration. Her rise to romantic stardom comes as a disillusioned



MARY EVANS

Born Princess Maria-Antonia, died the Widow Capet: some historians, feminists and nostalgists now see her as a role model

France is yearning for the good old days.

Though France prefers to celebrate the heady days of 1789 and forget the Terror of the nineties, the divisions of the revolution still run deep. Witness the fuss this week when Alexander Solzhenitsyn presided over commemorations of the 1793 massacre of tens of thousands of loyalist Catholics in the Vendée region. "I would never wish a revolution on any country," the Russian novelist told a cheering crowd. "All revolutions unleash the most elemental barbarism."

Robert Hossein, the creator of *Je M'Appelais Marie-Antoinette*, a theatre pageant, says the agonies of the queen can serve as a mirror and a symbol at a time when France is "in a period of worrying, ambiguous change". The queen's strongest apologists are naturally the royalists. For the most amusing revision of history, readers can turn to "I, Marie-Antoinette," by Isabelle, countess of Paris.

As a direct descendant of Marie-Antoinette's sister, Marie-Caroline, the 82-year-old countess says she feels entitled to write in the first person. Her Marie-Antoinette gives a modern account of her actions, putting her "naughtiness" down to youth and the fact that "my good king did not do his duty" as a husband. "For seven years what I really missed was a family life," the Countess/Queen explains.

This is the view shared by the Committee for the Commemoration of the Death of Marie-Antoinette, a group which includes dukes, duchesses, lesser nobility and commoners. Michele Lorin, a member, says the queen "was not perhaps super-intelligent but she did what she could to save the family. Above all, she defended her children. She was never a *putain* (whore) as everyone imagined".

Mme Lorin, a property manager, says her bad behaviour as the young dauphine was the fault of Louis. "If you were faced with a husband who was a little virgin and for seven years he fumbles his approaches, then you can understand why she didn't want to go home in the evenings wanted to let her hair down."

Talking about the young queen's loneliness, Mme Lorin makes a comparison to be heard frequently from the apologists. "She was just like your Lady Diana with the difference that she produced children straight away." Mme Lorin says France remains deeply royalist at heart, although nobody imagines restoring the throne.

Is Gorbachev being smeared?

Keep scandal in the family

SOMETIMES it is just one damn thing after another. First you get ousted as President of the Soviet Union, then your successor dissolves Parliament, and in the middle of it your blasted mother runs off with a rock singer. Poor old Mikhail Gorbachev. You can't take your eye off the ball for a minute, where family is concerned.

It appears, from late news yesterday, that old Maria Gorbachev has been taken over lock, stock and freehold by Andrei Razin, former lead singer of pop group Laskovy Mai. Mr Razin caused a scandal a few years ago by claiming to be Mr Gorbachev's illegitimate son, and has now bought the house near Stavropol where his common-law step-grandmother resides, and signed "guardianship papers". Mr Gorbachev has raced home to try and regain custody. Young Razin says piously that "it is immoral to abandon your mother". Mr Gorbachev claims he did not, but was actively arranging to bring her to Moscow when his brother sold the house (complete with Mum) to Razin behind his back.



LIBBY PURVES

To my intense frustration, as I write I am unable to find out anything at all about old Mrs Gorbachev's attitude to all this.

I hope she is enjoying being fought over. Every granny deserves a bit of limelight, and few things (my mother tells me) give more satisfaction to the ageing and disempowered woman than being thoroughly awkward in her own right. If there isn't a Will to keep on changing, any kind of ornery behaviour will do: taking up with an toyboy, moving a load of New Age travellers into the back garden, smoking pot. Edina in *Absolutely Fabulous* is a fictional monster, but reflections of her are everywhere, especially since the New Priggery has gripped the younger generation. There are a lot of us out here, currently behaving decorously for the benefit of our young children, who firmly plan to be disgraceful once they leave home.

I have also, drat it, failed to get a telephone comment from Raisa Gorbachev: what joy it would have been to hear her crisp appraisal of the shenanigans being kicked up by her husband, in-laws and alleged stepson.

Any woman who has married into turbulence (particularly, perhaps, Slavic turbulence), must sympathize. I had an acquaintance whose Ukrainian mother-in-law discharged herself from an old people's home at 73 with a fellow inmate, and spent their respective children's inheritance on a smallholding. "I am peasant," she said. "I need the soil. In that place they do not let me make soup." Needless to say, we onlookers were on her side, and the daughter-in-law (who, admittedly, kept being summoned to assist with goats) was grinding her teeth.

There may, of course, be a darker picture. An embarrassed Mr Gorbachev is putting it about that the whole scandal is nothing but a *political smear* orchestrated by Boris Yeltsin. Rather as if Mr Major were to get Phil Collins to announce that Mrs Thatcher was his gymslip mother, and that he was looking after a shamefully neglected Roberts aunt in Grantham. It is an obvious tactic: every muckraking journalist knows that the quickest way to make a public man look silly is to root around the provinces and find his old Mum.

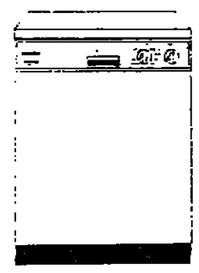
WITH LUCK SHE will consider herself neglected, and tell the nice journalist that she never gets a civil answer when she rings his slut of a wife about the mysterious noises in her roof.

Even if not, there is a fair chance that she will be outspoken. It is not so long since Norman Lamont's old Mum, Irene, was spreading joy by announcing that she would comment no further on the Threshers affair except for £10 a question, upfront: I have personal experience of the fact that Mrs Lloyd Webber remembers her musical sons' boyhoods very well indeed, and that Phyllida Law is perilously amusing about Emma Thompson.

And I have high hopes of all those elderly relatives Mrs Bottomley keeps yomping across the Isle of Wight with: come now, ladies: one of you must know something excruciating. Or perhaps they are waiting for the Minister's next promotion so that — at the psychological moment — they can run off with rock singers. We can only hope.

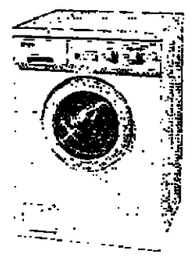
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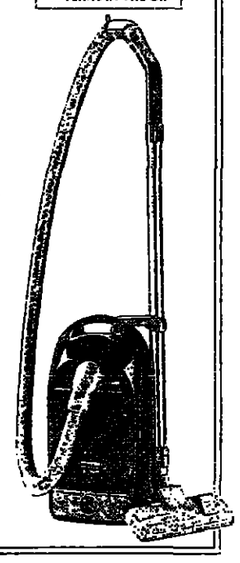
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Quotas may be unfair but the party is determined to adopt them, says **Mary Ann Sieghart**

Giving Labour's women a leg up

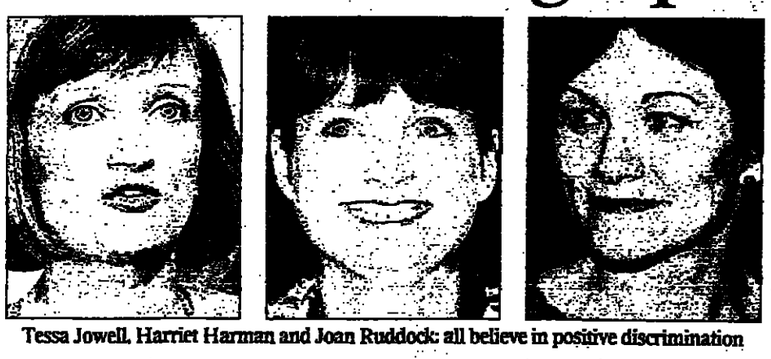
Yesterday, for the first time, I had to queue for the loo at a Labour party conference. My usual annoyance, though, was dispelled when I realised why. This year the Brighton centre is packed with women. And the atmosphere of the conference has subtly changed as a result.

Sure, there are still a few sweaty beer bullies from the trade unions who thump the rostrum as they speak. But the huge blocks of union seats are no longer filled almost exclusively by men. This year, union delegations contain women in proportion to the percentage of their female members — which in the GMB delegation, for instance, means 60 per cent. And there are marginally more women than men representing constituencies.

As a result, many more women are being called to speak in debates. Some are less assured than their male counterparts. But they also tend to be calmer and, quite often, more reasoned. To the public watching at home, the face of the Labour party has changed.

But still women account for just 37 of Labour's 271 MPs. And for 364 weeks of the year, it is MPs who represent the party to the public. That is why Labour yesterday embarked on its most contentious act of positive discrimination: to ask half of all winnable constituencies at the next election to choose their candidates from an all-woman shortlist.

It is an idea that Ann Clwyd, shadow heritage secretary, used to be dead against. "I had been a journalist before I went into politics and had had equal treatment. I always thought I could get in on my merits." Her subsequent experience has changed her mind. In one selection process, she won more nominations than any other candidate yet did not even make it to the shortlist. "I should have been in Parliament 15 years earlier than I actually was," she says with some regret. "I now think quotas are the only way. We've waited for the normal process to take its course and it's not doing it. We can't wait another century."



Tessa Jowell, Harriet Harman and Joan Ruddock: all believe in positive discrimination

At the last election, though there was a record number of female Labour candidates, most were in unwinnable seats. Of the 20 safe seats vacated by retiring Labour MPs, only two selected women. And it is not as if the 18 men were all of startlingly high quality. "It's just subconscious," says Joan Ruddock, MP for Deptford. "It's so deeply rooted. For most men, if a position is to be decided by voting or by putting someone forward, in general their first thought is another man."

The argument for having more women MPs is not simply one of justice, say supporters of the quota. "Society has transformed itself," explains Harriet Harman, shadow chief secretary to the Treasury. "Women now make up half the workforce. Boys and girls leave school with equal qualifications. So it's about becoming representative and reflecting the changes in the world outside."

Others point to the electoral advantages. In 1992, the swing to Labour was a half to 1 per cent higher in seats with female candidates. Yet women as a whole were more likely to vote Tory than men. Tessa Jowell, the new MP for Dulwich, says, "Without quotas we won't win. All the evidence is that increasing the number of women in the parliamentary Labour party is good for the party electorally. We want more politicians who know the price of sugar, who know what it's like to juggle home, family and work."

Yet opposition to quotas is still rumbling, mainly in private. One of the few MPs to put his head above the parapet is John Spellar. "There will be great resentment from men who thought they had a legitimate reason to be a candidate in a town where they've lived all their life and been active in local party affairs. The effect on local party morale will be devastating."

Quotas undoubtedly are unfair to men, and while they seem to work, it is hard to justify them philosophically. Though the party is overwhelmingly in favour of them now, the feeling of injustice they threaten to engender may later cause trouble.

In elections to the party's national executive committee, there is a risk that the agreement to have a minimum number of women could lead to men losing their places even if they have scored more votes than women. Luckily for the party, that did not happen this year. But what if, next year, Gordon Brown were to lose his place to a woman with fewer votes?

Most supporters of quotas agree that they are unfair, but put the onus on opponents to find a better way of making the party more representative. They argue that quotas will only be temporary; once women make up, say, 30 to 40 per cent of MPs, they can be dropped. That is what has happened in some other European socialist parties; indeed one Scandinavian party considered introducing quotas for men.

Quotas for the shadow cabinet have produced the most bitchiness. Last year MPs had to vote for at least three women out of 18; this year it will rise to four. Recently a whispering campaign started about the quality of the existing women. "The whispering campaign was waiting to happen from the moment the rule change was passed," claims Ms Harman. "People were snarling under their breath even then."

Ann Taylor has indeed been hopeless as shadow education secretary. And Ms Harman, though she was good at health, has not shone in her current job. But nobody points to the deficiencies of, say, Ron Davies, Tom Clarke or John Cunningham. The spectrum of ability between the best and the worst women is roughly the same as it is for the men.

Discontent will not go away. The PLP is extremely competitive, and simple arithmetic dictates that every job won for a woman is a job lost for a man. But eventually, roughly equal numbers of men and women ought to seem as unremarkable in the Labour party as they do now in schools and at universities. After all, says Ms Harman, "we're not asking to take over; we're just asking to run

Catching the prostate early . . . bad news for foot fetishists . . . the danger in your vegetable garden

The old man's affliction



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

AMERICANS discuss their cholesterol levels with comparative strangers much as we might compare notes about children. But however familiar Mr Roger Kirby, consultant urological surgeon at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, is with such transatlantic frankness, he was surprised when his American barber suggested they compare their PSA levels. Mr Kirby didn't know his — he has not yet reached the age where the information might be useful.

The PSA (prostate specific antigen) is a blood test which provides a helpful test for patients with symptoms of an enlarged prostate.

Recently a working party has collated the views of GPs, consultant surgeons and administrators with a view to producing a nationwide consensus on the best treatment of the enlarged prostate.

The problem is multifactoral. Benign enlargement adversely affects 50 per cent of men aged over 65. It is important not to neglect such an enlargement *because of the danger* of it becoming malignant.

American doctors advocate PSA screening for all men once they reach the age of 50-55. In Britain it is felt that this would be too expensive and might involve too many patients in unnecessary — and uncomfortable — further investigations. It is recommended here that all men over the age of 55, when they attend the doctor for whatever reason, should be asked questions about their urinary flow. If they have symptoms, their urine and blood should be tested, and the prostate assessed by rectal examination.

If the symptoms are troublesome, for instance if the patient is having to get up several times at night to pass urine, further tests may be needed, including the PSA and urinary flow studies.

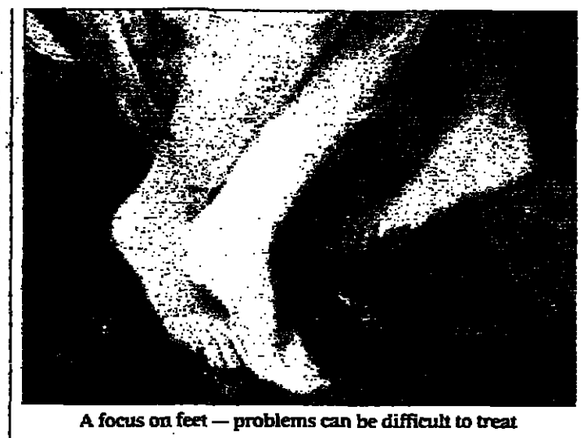
If the PSA is high, if the prostate feels unusually firm or uneven, or if the symptoms are very severe and inconvenient, referral to hospital is necessary. *When the symptoms* are only mildly or moderately inconvenient and the prostate feels normal, the patient may in the first instance be treated at home with drugs.

Although the level of PSA varies with the age of the patient, it still *gives valuable information* because the rate of increase is also an important diagnostic point. In general, however, malignant prostatic disease is only very occasionally found in a man with a normal PSA. However, a worryingly high proportion of those with a PSA of over ten have malignant disease.

In the lower ranges, where the PSA is between four and ten, about one in five patients have a malignancy. In a younger patient, detection of a malignant tumour is of obvious importance, as radical treatment carried out early prolongs life.

The benefits of early diagnosis and treatment of the older patient — those over 75 for example — are not so clear cut. Many of them will die from some unrelated cause before the prostate causes trouble. But even in these patients a close watching brief is essential.

Mr Kirby predicts that as people live longer and longer, the death rate from cancer of the prostate — last year 6,700 — will increase significantly. As it does so, treatment for the older age groups will become correspondingly more important.



A focus on feet — problems can be difficult to treat

Toe-timing

THE *Omnibus* programme on BBC1 this week on the life of Jung Chang, the author of *Wild Swans*, was a reminder that foot fetishism played as important a part in the life of the Chinese warlords even up until the second world war as it does today for some former ministers and financial advisers.

If concubines like Jung Chang's grandmother hoped to prosper they had to have their feet broken and reset into what was considered a sexually stimulating, albeit crippling, form.

Today all that is needed is wholesomeness, for whatever the age, whatever the country. *Tinea pedis*, or *dermatophytosis interdigitale* (athlete's foot), must crush the enthusiasm of all but the most ardent lovers.

Tinia pedis is estimated to occur in 15 per cent of the population and it has proved difficult to treat. Recently, *a study from one hospital* and 32 general practitioners which was coordinated by Professor E.G.V. Evans, of Leeds University's department of micrology, compared two frequently prescribed treatments.

Half the patients randomly selected were given terbinafine (Lamisil) 1 per cent cream which was applied twice daily for a week. Afterwards, a substitute inert cream was used. The other patients were given clotrimazole (Canestan) 1 per cent cream which was applied twice daily for a month. The tests showed that after the treatment the patients given Lamisil cream had fared better.

The authors concluded that Lamisil cream may well become the treatment of choice because it offers a 97.2 per cent chance of fungus-free toes six weeks after the cream was first applied — fit for the swimming baths or lovers.

Beware onions



FEW people realise that at least one plant disease can be transmitted to humans and is causing real alarm to some patients.

The magazine *General Practitioner reports that the bacterium pseudomonas cepecia*, which causes bulb rot in onions, can give rise to chest troubles in up to 20 per cent of patients with cystic fibrosis. One in five of those affected may become gravely ill with a pneumonia resistant to all commonly available antibiotics.

In patients without cystic fibrosis, and in those with an intact immune system, it causes little if any trouble, although during the war it was one of the organisms which contributed to trench or jungle foot.

Dr John Govan, reader in medical microbiology at Edinburgh University, said it was important that infection should be taken seriously and that precautions should be taken to prevent it spreading. He also pointed out that, nasty as the bacterium is, the alarm it has caused can be overstated.

A mother's secret pain

More help is needed for the trauma of a medical abortion, says **Annabel Ferriman**

When Helen Clement was admitted to hospital to terminate her pregnancy, she was ıt on a ward with several women ing investigated for infertility. ne of them angrily told Mrs lement what she thought of her r having an abortion.

The woman did not know that lrs Clement was undergoing one *the most distressing experiences* at any pregnant woman can go rough — a termination for foetal normality. Only a few hours fore, she had been told that the in boys she was expecting would ve survived only a few hours or ys if they had been born.

Mrs Clement's experiences in spital and the lack of help that e received from health professionals after she was discharged — r GP grudgingly signed her off rk for only a week — illustrate e low priority given to this group *women*.

New ante-natal tests are countly being developed to tell pectant mothers whether their bies are going to be "normal". ıt if the tests indicate an abnorality little thought appears to be ven to the women concerned. any such tests are carried out late pregnancy, between 18 and 20 eks, which means that any bsequent abortion is particularly umatic.

The charity Support Around rmination for Abnormality ıtfa) found in a recent survey of members that only a third of m had been visited by a midwife er their termination, while 94 per ıt would have liked a visit. omen wanted help with such tters as lactation, bleeding, future pregnancies, emotional suffering and genetics.

Satfa says that these women, who usually have to undergo a full labour because the pregnancy is so advanced, often leave hospital with *feelings of anger, bitterness and* guilt. It believes that they need the help of a midwife, nurse or health visitor to help them come to terms with their experience.

"Guilt is a major factor," says Joanie Dimavicius, Satfa's director. "In most cases, it is a wanted baby. Parents face the paradox of ending a life that they long for.

"Most expectant mothers take ante-natal tests for reassurance. They go to be told that their baby is all right. It is a terrible shock when they are told that it is not. They *sometimes feel guilt at creating a* baby with an abnormality.

"They might also find it hard to tell people about it afterwards, because they are frightened of being judged. So they have the added burden of secrecy. There is a conspiracy of silence surrounding the issue. Many women will tell acquaintances that they have had a miscarriage."

The charity encounters prejudice when it applies for grants. "Some companies say that, because of the sensitive nature of our work, they would not like their name associated with it," Ms Dimavicius says. For the same reason, although it has been in existence for five years, Satfa has been unable to find a distinguished patron. Yet help is urgently needed for the increasing number of women who go through such experiences. The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys puts the number of abortions of abnormality at 1,740 for 1991 (the last available figure), but Satfa *thinks that there is considerable* under-reporting and the real number is between 3,000 and 4,000.

Mrs Clement, a nurse from Swansea, south Wales, who lost her twins three years ago, said that she would have liked to have had someone willing to listen. "People come up to you and say: 'I know exactly how you are feeling because I had a miscarriage once'.

"But it is totally different from a *miscarriage because those women* did not make the decision to have a miscarriage. It was an act of God. In my case, I made the conscious decision to end my babies' lives.

"During the termination, I could feel my babies moving as if they were trying to say, 'Mammy, I'm here. I'm alive. Don't do this.' "

Mrs Clement, who now has two daughters, Rachel and Rhiannon, aged four and two, was told she should not see the twins because she would find it too upsetting and left hospital feeling guilty, depressed and "totally useless".

She was still feeling extremely guilty four months after the termination and decided she wanted to see them. With some difficulty, she persuaded the staff to let her. They had been preserved in a pathology laboratory in formaldehyde, but were taken to a chapel for her to see.

"Seeing them so small and scarred from the investigations performed was difficult, but to be given the privilege of witnessing pure innocence made me feel at peace with myself. I was able to hold them, kiss them, apologise to them and tell them how much we *loved them and how no one would* ever replace them," she said. Their funeral was held six months after the delivery. They were cremated together and their ashes are kept at the Clement's home.

Mrs Clement has found considerable help through Satfa. She formed a small branch in West Glamorgan which holds regular meetings. The association has put many such people in touch with one another. It has 21 local groups across the country and 80 trained "befrienders".

Writing in the British Medical Journal this month Professor Philip Steer, head of obstetrics and gynaecology at Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School, says that many routine ante-natal checks are outdated rituals, and that the time spent on them would be better channelled into trials of programmes for giving up smoking or increasing training in counselling about the many new screening tests available.

Women who have experienced the pain and loneliness of abortion after an abnormality was diagnosed will find themselves in heartfelt agreement.

● *A handbook for parents when an abnormality is diagnosed in their baby, available from Satfa, 29-30 Soho Square, London W1V 6JB, price £3.*



Helen Clement and her daughters — she was the victim of distressing verbal abuse in hospital

Raging with doubt

Beliefs about hormones tell us more about the balance of power in society than about the biological truth

YOUR starter for ten: what is "late luteal phase dysphoric disorder"? Full marks if you knew this is what the American Psychiatric Association wants to call premenstrual syndrome.

If the association is successful, it will represent the creation, from the monthly experience of half the world's population, of a new psychiatric condition — even though doctors cannot agree how to define it, what the symptoms are, or how to treat it.

In a new book, *Raging Hormones*, the science writer Gail Vines traces the often hilarious history of hormones. At a time when we are tempted to see the clue to all human ills in genes, her book is a reminder that once hormones occupied the same privileged place. When they were discovered, doctors believed that they would provide a final understanding of many mysteries — gender, sex, behaviour, mood, and aging, among others.

This euphoria has now diminished in professional circles, as scientists recognise that hormones are altogether more subtle and complex in their actions. But the medical enthusiasms of yesteryear, once they have secured a firm foothold, are condemned to live on in popular attitudes, jokes, and the law.

Lawyers now claim indulgence for their clients on the grounds of their hormone imbalances. Women plead PMS (premenstrual syndrome), while a bodybuilder who killed *his children* by setting fire to his house claimed he was driven by "steroid rages". We really believe that hormones have the power to determine what we feel and what we do.

Yet Ms Vines demonstrates *in her level-headed book that* the evidence is far more equivocal. When sex hormones were discovered, the conviction was that testosterone signified maleness, while the oestrogens were the essence of womanhood. Alas for simplicity, female hormones were soon found in male animals, and vice versa.

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Ever since, the precise role of the hormones in sex has been the subject of earnest and sometimes hilarious experimentation. Two American psychologists persuaded four couples in their twenties to collect two saliva samples daily, one taken after dinner, the other before going to sleep.

On the second sample they were asked to mark whether they had made love between eating and sleeping. The hope was to relate sex to the level of sex hormones, but it failed. True, among those who had *made love, testosterone levels* were higher; but as Ms Vines remarks, any form of exercise would have raised levels.

Experiments such as these indicate that dogmatic certainty about hormones cannot be justified. That, in turn, raises *serious concerns* because women are being encouraged to reverse the menopause with hormone replacement therapy (HRT), while some scientists have linked an apparent decline in sperm counts with the presence in the environment of female hormones or hormone-like chemicals.

Raging Hormones is written from a feminist perspective, and Ms Vines is suspicious of doctors who claim miracles from HRT. Her view is that attitudes towards hormones often tell us more about the balance of power in society than they do about the biological truth. They are used to buttress prejudice, or as evidence that our animal inheritance lurks just beneath the skin. The evidence, she asserts, is simply not there.

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Janet Daley



■ Single sex schools can free the intellects of girls and boys from the petty constraints of mundane life

And they said that league tables would never produce anything useful. What other mechanism could have shown so clearly that single sex schooling produces far and away the best academic results? Not only were the top places in both A-level and GCSE performance tables taken by single sex schools, but the improvement in girls' achievements, when taught separately, was so striking as to suggest that mixed education was virtually an anti-female conspiracy.

So vivid was the lesson that at least one coeducational school with serious academic aspirations is now dividing boys and girls for the purposes of classroom teaching, while allowing them to mix in other activities. This solution by Shenfield comprehensive in Essex, which seems to represent the best of all possible worlds, was so eminently common-sensical that it was immediately attacked by the National Union of Teachers (NUT), which suspects it of creating an "artificial environment".

As if the very idea of a school was not "artificial" in the best sense: a place constructed for a special and limited purpose, which is so valuable in itself as to make everything else, for the moment, secondary. Much of what is wrong with the NUT idea of schooling is that it rules out any deviation from life as it is lived. Instead of seeing the classroom as a singular sort of place in which the intellect can be freed from the petty constraints of mundane life, the ethos of the teaching lobby has sought to make it as much like every other kind of place as possible.

> **Mixed education is almost an anti-female conspiracy**

Formal teaching must give way to shared discovery of a kind which seems "natural" and the surroundings in which this is done should not deviate from the statistical norms of society: not only should both sexes be represented in every classroom but in all ability ranges too. In how many other areas of life is there such a carefully engineered homogenisation of the human components? The artificiality of this formula, however, does not worry the NUT since it is thought to be a model for a politically desirable world.

But I am getting ahead of myself. Let us dwell for a moment on why this peculiarly British tradition of separate schooling for the sexes should be so successful and the lack of it so disastrous for girls. There is the obvious fact that adolescents are easily distracted by the presence of the opposite sex and that this is deleterious to scholarly pursuit. But there is more to it than that.

Systematic observation of teachers supervising mixed classes has shown that they give disproportionate amounts of time and attention to their male pupils at the expense of their female ones. This has proved to be true even of those teachers who thought they were being fair to both genders. What becomes clear from taped evidence and the teachers' own testimony is that the boys *demand* much more attention, either by exhibitionistic competitiveness, if they are academically able, or by disruptive behaviour if they are not.

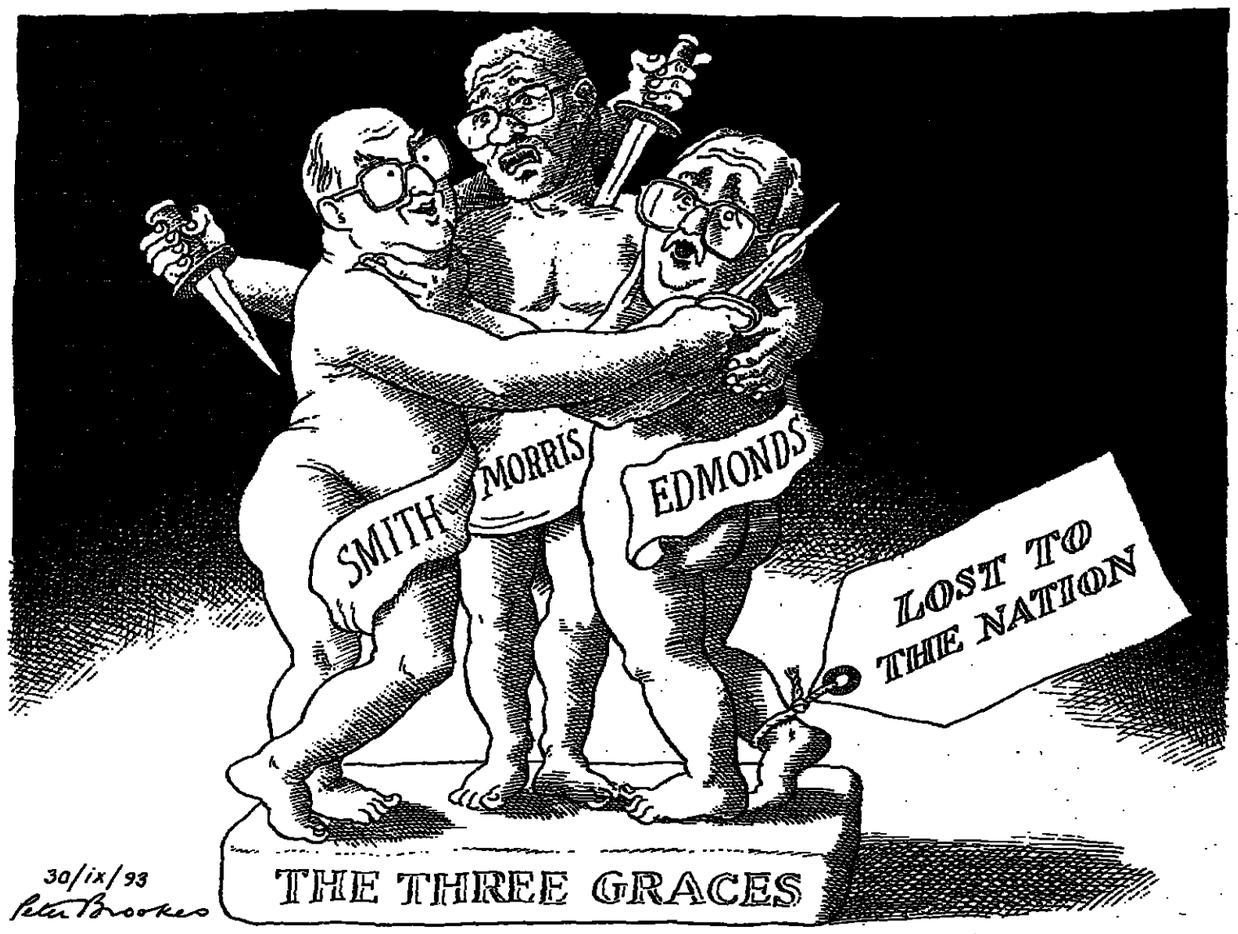
In maths and science subjects that involve the shared use of equipment, boys habitually hog the opportunities for actual practice and push girls into the role of observers. To which role, it must be said, the girls tend to acquiesce willingly, perhaps because they fear the scorn of the boys, or because they are developing their ability to flatter the male ego.

This element of sexual preparation is at the heart of the problem: the most crucial years of schooling coincide with the period around puberty when sexual identity is being forged. From the Wendy house onwards, school children act out exaggerated gender behaviour because they are not yet secure (to the extent that any of us ever are) in their sexuality.

In this vulnerable state, few boys will have the generosity, or girls the daring, to defy their own anxieties and risk social disaster for the sake of academic virtue. Indeed, it would be almost unnatural for a teenager to resist peer pressure to this extent. It is to spare them the agony of that choice that parents like me choose single sex schools for their daughters. (Devout Asian familes have always insisted that their daughters have separate education on religious grounds, but it may be no coincidence that Asian girls are among the most academically high-achieving and professionally ambitious in the country.)

If this adolescent identity crisis is a universal human phenomenon, why is it only Britain that seems to need single sex schooling? Having grown up in the United States where virtually all schools are coeducational, I would venture that the separating of the sexes would probably be greatly helpful to girls in other countries too. But British education, with its early specialisation and make-or-break public examination system, especially favours unwavering concentration and monastic dedication.

The question of whether boys and girls should sit in the same classroom could be answered easily enough if we were to return unashamedly to the view that school was essentially for training the intellect, and thus should provide every child with the best "artificial" conditions for developing his or her own resources.



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Americans approve of their president's policy, but will it improve their lives?

William Rees-Mogg

On Tuesday, a young Italian-American couple were having their wedding ceremony at a Washington hotel. They were being married in the garden, under an awning, with the sun shining. The scene was like an old film; she was tall and blonde, and might have been played by Grace Kelly; he was thin and pale, and might have been played by Frank Sinatra. A group of silent, dark-suited men joined the wedding party, just before the ceremony began. They were followed by two uninvited guests, and the equally uninvited television cameras. The President and First Lady of the United States had gatecrashed the wedding party.

The bride was delighted: although she seems to have had no previous connection with the presidency, she certainly felt that the presence of the president made her wedding day. The groom was less happy and commented: "I thought it was going to be my great day, but I reckon he made it his." Whether the family were happy or not, the television cameras loved it; it received about five minutes on the evening news, and when they showed the Clintons arriving, they played "Hail to the Chief".

The Clintons are professional politicians all the time and to the last degree; they are people who would never turn down a good photo call, even at some stranger's wedding. Presumably there had been a telephone call from the White House beforehand, to make the event a little less strange and intrusive than it seemed on television. Their continual political campaigning is now paying off. Both are considerably more popular in the polls than they were in the early months of the presidency. Mrs Clinton is even described as a "cult figure".

A Washington insider considers that Mr Clinton now has a strategy which he believes will win him a second term. His chief aim is to avoid becoming another one-term president, like George Bush and Jimmy Carter. His strategy is partly based on this unbroken campaigning, which he enjoys and does well. It is also based on raising expectations now, but deferring the payment of the bill until after 1996. Hence the timing of the budget and of Mrs Clinton's healthcare proposals.

Observers believe that he has adopted a strategy of domestic activism and international minimalism. After a certain amount of havering, President Clinton decided not to intervene in Bosnia. He is now preparing to withdraw American troops from Somalia. This week, he said that "there has to be a political strategy that puts the affairs of Somalia back into the hands of Somalia". He stressed that he was not concerned about the capture of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid. "Keep in mind what we see every night reported now is a conflict between one Somali warlord who started this by murdering Pakistanis in a small portion of Mogadishu." This certainly plays down Somalia.

In Washington, I have found it hard to establish what international issue would now be thought to justify American intervention. "A major threat to American economic interests or the security of an ally" is the sort of phrase that is used. In practical terms that means oil, or possibly the defence of Israel or South Korea, though hardly anyone believes that North Korea is more than a potential threat. And of course, Britain would be defended if attacked by France, Japan if attacked by China, and Australia if attacked by New Zealand. The pending withdrawal from Somalia, with General Aidid still at large, is a historic signal. The United States under President Clinton is getting ready to hand in its badge as the world's sheriff. There will be no intervention, almost whatever happens, in Africa, in Eastern Europe, in the former Soviet Union, or in Asia apart from Korea. This is almost the exact opposite of the pattern of the Bush presidency which was activist abroad and inactive at home. Not surprisingly, the American public's reactions are favourable. The public minds about healthcare, and does not know where Somalia is.

The extensive exposure of Mrs Clinton's healthcare plan has made her an even more influential figure. Although she is still seen as temperamentally cold and hard, not a woman to be sought out as liked and agreeable company, she is widely admired for her sincerity and intellectual determination. She clearly believes in her liberal principles and even Americans who do not share them have a grudging respect for that. Of course, Congress will change her healthcare plan — it has only started a long process of bargaining. But the president's major speech on healthcare convinced many Americans that the plan is justified.

Journalists who see the president regularly are divided on his chances of success and on the effect his improved political position has had on him personally. Some feel that he is growing into the presidency in a way they find unattractive. He has always been a manipulative politician. That seems to them to be taking over his whole personality. He is still ill-organised; he is always running late, he is seen stuffing himself with food, there is a general lack of personal discipline. Success may have made him more arrogant. But the presidency is an isolating experience. Even if Mr Clinton is obsessively manipulative, he is not as manipulative as Lyndon Johnson or Franklin Roosevelt, and Roosevelt was a great president.

President Clinton's prospect of winning a second term is threatened by the problems he inherited. One cannot visit Washington without being shocked by the decay of urban society, by the growth of crime, much of it drugs related. A friend of mine recently moved into a Georgetown home, two blocks away from the house of Pamela Harriman, ambassador to Paris, which is the social centre of Georgetown. Within a week, three people were shot on his block; his wife was threatened at her door.

Last Saturday, while I was staying out in rural Maryland, five people were shot, three fatally, in the largely black districts near Fort Dupont Park in southeast Washington. One incident took place at a football game in a school yard, in the afternoon. Four men with guns killed Kervin Brown, a 26-year-old black man and shot a black four-year-old in the head and hand. She is now in intensive care. Washington has had 348 murders so far this year, against 330 last year.

Washington is only one of many large American cities, including Atlanta, Los Angeles, New York, Detroit and many others, which suffer from this combination of a depressed black or Hispanic underclass, drugs, crime and a high prevalence of Aids. However, Washington has a special importance. The government of the United States is now being conducted in a city which is one of the most dangerous in the United States — with much higher casualty rates than Belfast. Crime is now spreading from black neighbourhoods into the white districts. The social failure of American policy is manifest.

Apart from the social problems, President Clinton faces difficult economic problems. He is expanding federal expenditure but federal taxation rests on a narrow base. There is no universal VAT as there is in the European Community. That puts added pressure on income tax as a source of revenue. Most people believe that the rich in America pay less than their fair share of tax; in fact the top 5 per cent of taxpayers produce 44 per cent of the income tax revenue. President Clinton's health plan can be regarded as an American approach to creating a welfare state in the European style, but America lacks the broad indirect tax base that European governments use to finance welfare.

The Clinton budget plan has massaged the American deficit problem, but has by no means removed it. By the end of his first term the deficit may look as threatening as it did at the end of President Bush's term, and Bush turned out to be a one-term president. The American recovery remains weak and suspect. It is probably the weakest since the second world war, and there is no recovery yet in the economies of Japan, Germany and France, all important trading partners.

The Clinton strategy faces many obstacles, including a revival of protectionism. I suspect that it has a fundamental flaw. It is a high expenditure, high tax and high cost strategy, at a time when the United States has increasingly to compete with a low cost world. The model for America seems to be that of Germany, a model of the industrial and welfare economy appropriate to the 1960s. Germany is now an economy which is losing speed, losing competitive advantage, the highest cost economy in the world. "Let us join the Germans," has been the avowed message of some of the president's policy advisers. It is the wrong direction in which to go.

No more tax please, Kenneth

Public spending must be cut, says Howard Davies

In Tokyo last week, during one of the brief interludes between bouts with the Number 10 lobby correspondents, the prime minister called on the Keidanren — the Japanese CBI. It was a good meeting. John Major argued the case for more deregulation in Japan to facilitate entry for British businesses. The Japanese participants were quite forthcoming, openly accepting the case for reform.

But Keidanren members were most concerned about the condition of their domestic market. They are locked in argument with Morihiro Hosokawa's new government about how to get the stalled Japanese economy moving. The business community is clear that the government needs to cut taxes sharply. Mr Hosokawa is resisting.

It would be nice to be able to plead for tax cuts in Britain in November. While the British economy is now growing again, just as in Japan, the bamboo shoots are barely above ground level. Export markets, in particular, look uncertain.

Consumer spending in Britain is expanding, slowly, and industrial production rose last year. But consumers now face tax increases, as Norman Lamont's delayed-action Budget begins to take effect. Some economists argue that pre-announced tax increases are always anticipated by consumers before they take effect. That may be true of VAT on fuel, of which few householders can be unaware, but I doubt the 1 per cent increase in employees' national insurance contributions, due in November, has yet been fully discounted.

Nonetheless, against the background of a near £50 billion public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR), these tax increases must be swallowed. What is not necessary, or wise, is for the Chancellor to add further tax increases in this year's second Budget, as he has threatened.

The PSBR cannot, of course, be ignored. The £10.5 billion tax increases in the pipeline will bolster government revenues over the next two years. We need a similar adjustment on expenditure.

That is not an impossible aim over three years. The Treasury can stick to the announced departmental totals for 1994-95 — as long as it really does maintain those totals, and does not adjust them upwards by raids on the contingency reserve. Lower than expected inflation will help contain growth, as will a public pay freeze, which should save £3 billion.

If, in addition, departments can, over the next two years, make the kind of efficiency savings businesses routinely achieve each year, and cap programmes (such as invalidity benefit) which are clearly out of control, the needed reductions can be made without breaking electoral promises.

Furthermore, if the private finance initiative can be started quickly, this spending discipline can be imposed while maintaining, and increasing, public sector capital investment.

The Chancellor is right to say, as he did in Washington, that over time the balance of taxation should shift towards taxes on spending and consumption. We need to promote investment, production, and exports and avoid an unsustainable consumption boom. But that does not mean that VAT should rise or be extended in November, which would be a highly risky move given the fragile state of the recovery.

John Major showed, in Tokyo and Kuala Lumpur, that he is prepared to put himself out for British businesses. He must now demonstrate that he is prepared to do so at home. Abroad is more fun. Dealing with the Japanese is a piece of cake compared with negotiations with the inscrutable mandarins of the Treasury. But if you speak firmly and slowly they can be made to understand.

● *The author is director general of the Confederation of British Industry*

Beckett back to front

MARGARET Beckett may have recanted on the issue of one member one vote, albeit reluctantly, but yesterday she was clearly still wooing the left wing of the Labour party. She placed an advertisement proferring her fraternal greetings in *Campaign Briefing*, the noticeboard of the hard left.

On the back page of yesterday's issue, the advertisement says: "Greetings to all delegates from Margaret and Leo Beckett". The front page, however, is rather less friendly — with a news story, uncompromisingly headlined "Defeat NEC Stitch Up", that accuses John Smith of trying to "terminate" the influence of the organised labour movement and concentrate power in the hands of a "parliamentary elite".

The advertisement, paid for by Beckett, has been interpreted as a gesture of muted defiance by the party's deputy leader. That defiance continued yesterday when Beckett was conspicuous as the last person on the conference platform to stand and applaud John Prescott's barnstorming speech, which was widely seen as a bid for her job. But Beckett is not the only person in Brighton with some explaining to do. Delegates are filling idle moments by re-reading the conference speech given by John Edmonds in 1989. And what did the GMB leader and arch-Omov opponent have to say then? "Whenever possible we should make our decisions by one member one vote." Worked out nicely, then.

● *Tony Benn says he's all in favour of the positive discrimination policy that saw him ousted from Labour's national executive committee after 34 years. But why stop at women? Benn is thinking of tabling a consititutional amendment that would reserve NEC seats for two more groups he feels are under-represented in the Labour party — pensioners and socialists. Year 35 is clearly on its way.*

Right on Major

JOHN Major may not be looking forward to meeting the "barmies" in Blackpool next week, but there are certainly signs of improved relations with his Cabinet "bastards". For the prime minister, clearly out to re-establish his right-wing credentials, has been keeping some distinctly dry company.

Tuesday night saw him address that icon of Thatcherdom, the Adam Smith Institute. Aware that the Cabinet's own closet Thatcherites, Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo, were in the audience, Major was effusive. With a bust of the 18th century free marketeer tucked under his arm (made by a Russian factory that used to make busts of Lenin), Major paid tribute to the institute's work. They were, he said, "outriders. It is helpful to have someone galloping ahead of the pack."

Madsen Pirie, the institute's president, left the prime minister in no doubt about the direction in which he wants the government to gallop — from converting the welfare system into insurable private benefits to replacing overseas aid with "family-to-family" help. The institute, he said, even had ideas for shaking up the Church of England.

Major was clearly in receptive mood. "I was wondering what I would be doing for the next seven years. I now have a fairly clear agenda." Makes a change.

● *Plans to turn a Scottish clay pigeon shooting range into a top national facility have run into some unexpected opposition. Local farmer Hugh Mann claims pigeon shooting at the Dead Man Lies range, Carrington, Midlothian could upset his new herd — of ostriches. Apparently they're extremely sensitive to noise.*



Liberal with love

AS THE Labour party conference draws to a close today, the Liberal party, (not, of course, to be confused with the Liberal Democrats) bursts into Brighton. Its president, former Liberal MP Michael Meadowcroft, will kick off the Liberal party assembly by with the launch of his booklet *All That Glisters — The Current Task for Liberals*.

Meadowcroft, impressed by neither the Tories nor Labour, is most unhappy about the state of the Lib Dems who have "failed to develop Liberal values and policies".

"An individual's greatest happiness is provided by love and friendship, art and music and education, not by the mythology of growth for its own sake." To promote this creed, a little *tub-thumping*, he says, will not go amiss. "I shall wind myself up a bit."

John mortified

BAD news for John Mortimer. After an *Arena* programme in March which saw his first wife Penelope quizzed on whether or not her 1962 novel *The Pumpkin Eater* was based on their turbulent marriage, comes news that she is finally to tell the whole story in the second volume of her autobiography, *About Time Too*.

The book will cover the years 1940 to 1978 and includes her 23-year marriage to Mortimer; her career as a novelist and the birth of their two children. She admits that her former husband might find it difficult: "A lot of people have an objection to being written about and John is one of them. I have sent him the book and have not heard back yet."

John Mortimer gets the chance in his second volume of memoirs, *Murderers and Other Friends*. He, however, insists he will not dwell on personal details: "That's not my style. I just try and tell the truth. The book will be about my friends and my clients — the "murderers" of the title."



A BUSY autumn ahead for Cherie Lunghi (left). In November she takes over from Felicity Kendal in Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* at the National Theatre. Next month she begins work on Kenneth Branagh's film, *Frankenstein*. Branagh (right) plays creator, Dr Frankenstein, while Robert De Niro gives us his monster. And Lunghi? "I am playing Dr Frankenstein's mother." Adding sweetly: "When he is very young."

BACK FROM THE BRINK

John Smith must now make up for squandered time

Yesterday the Labour party and its sponsors walked up to the top of a high building, climbed out on to the window ledge, looked down, and seriously considered jumping. That they drew back at the very last minute showed that Labour still retains some instinct for self-preservation. But the debate preceding the vote on John Smith's *proposals for democratising* the party also demonstrated how little it has learned from its four election defeats in a row.

To the outside world, the idea of Labour continuing to be shackled to the unions is as anachronistic as it is unattractive. Yet the only way that Mr Smith and his supporters could sell his one-member-one-vote (OMOV) reforms to the conference yesterday was to emphasise again and again that, rather than weakening the union link, they strengthened it. By allowing trade union members who pay the political levy to join the party at a reduced rate, the changes will increase trade union involvement in Labour affairs at an individual, if not a collective, level.

No trade union leader was honest enough to admit that he opposed OMOV because it took power away from him and gave it *directly to his members. But the im*passioned speech by a member from the Birkenhead constituency Labour party exposed what everybody knew but nobody wanted to admit: trade unions have abused their power to select and deselect MPs, and did not deserve to retain it.

Those who opposed OMOV seemed to be living in a different world. To democratise their party, they claimed, was to cave in to a "Tory agenda". Voters were more interested in unemployment, poverty and the health service than they were in internal Labour party affairs. This is true: it does not diminish Labour's difficulty in winning electoral support while it is seen to be in hock to the unions.

The challenge to Mr Smith now is to persuade the country that, after this success, he is at last his own man. That will not be easy. The price of his victory was spelled out in his speech to the TUC conference earlier this month: a commitment when in government to work for full employment, introduce a national minimum wage, and extend employment rights to new and part-time workers. That speech was referred to many times in Brighton yesterday; and doubtless will be mentioned just as often, but in less glowing terms, in Blackpool next week. Mr Smith will not be allowed to forget it either by the unions or the Tory party.

That he has won is in some measure a testimony to his courage. But the saga also demonstrates the extent of his political caution. Neil Kinnock, Mr Smith's predecessor as party leader, was a master at party management. He advised Mr Smith after the general election to go for the OMOV reforms at last year's conference. All Mr Kinnock's calculations showed that Mr Smith would easily have won. Instead, the new leader decided to put the decision off, not daring to risk defeat at his first party conference. That delay made victory harder and led to a wasted year of internal squabbling that could more profitably have been spent opposing the government.

Under Mr Kinnock, the Labour party learned to exhibit a discipline that is not its normal state; and this week has shown that it is not naturally docile. Mr Smith may until now have disdained the task of party management. But his perilously close victory yesterday shows that he cannot take for granted the support of his troops. His political leadership was very nearly found wanting; and in an age in which the public is crying out for more inspired leadership from its politicians, Mr Smith will have to work harder to prove himself equal to the task.

AN UNJUST BURDEN

Penalising responsible fatherhoood is folly

In keeping with the law of unintended consequences, the efforts of the state to improve the fabric of society often penalise those who are least culpable. Juvenile offenders are given luxury holidays abroad, while middle-class drivers convicted of minor traffic offences are stung by income-related fines. Still more perverse is the current strategy of the new Child Support Agency, which was set up to enforce payment of maintenance by errant fathers to single mothers, but is instead targeting many men who are already making responsible payments.

When Margaret Thatcher launched the agency in 1990, its goals were irreproachable: to make men live up to their responsibilities and to improve the lot of women left to bring up families alone. Yet the first months of its operation have been shambolic. In order to drive down social security costs, the agency is concentrating upon *better-off men and those who are easy to* locate because they see their children regularly, rather than truly neglectful fathers *who leave their former wives with nothing.*

An enquiry into paternal support is now triggered automatically when a single *mother makes a fresh claim for income sup*port. But the agency's staff have been instructed to give priority to "good-quality" cases where the father is rich enough to pay up quickly or is already making payments. "The name of the game is maximising the maintenance yield," one memorandum advised. "Don't waste a lot of time on non profitable stuff." The formula used to calculate weekly maintenance is so rigid that men who are making quite adequate contributions to their children's upbringing have been forced to pay much more.

To penalise responsible fatherhood in this way is a complete inversion of the agency's official purpose. It imposes an unjust burden upon men who fulfil their duties to children by a former wife but have also raised a second family. It creates a disincentive for divorced fathers to seek better-paid work and, in some cases, an incentive for them to go on the dole. Above all, it does nothing to help those families which are most in need.

Child support enforcement is one of the most complex tasks a society can set itself, as American experience has shown. It is vital that this feeble start does not destroy confidence in an essentially sound venture. The agency must review its maintenance formula, which takes quite insufficient account of existing arrangements between former spouses and mysteriously disregards the mortgage payments many husbands still pay on their former matrimonial homes. The disaster of the unit fines system *introduced by the 1991 Criminal Justice Act is* evidence enough that moral judgment cannot be reduced to a formal calculus.

Secondly, the agency must be given new and more sophisticated performance targets. At present, its overriding objective is to pare £530 million from the social security bill within its first year. But reducing the burden to the taxpayer of single parenthood should be only one of its goals; the agency's performance should also be judged by the quality of its investigations and by the number of truly needy families for whom it secures stable maintenance. Ministers have been bold enough to put family policy and the question of single parenthood at the heart of their endeavours. They must now show that their strategy amounts to more than a tax on affluent male divorcees.

AMAZING GRACES

Almost all fine art is international not national heritage

In mythology, the three Graces were personifications of harmony and loveliness. In marble they have become symbols of cant about national heritage. In spite of the recession in the art market over the past four years, the J. Paul Getty *Museum has* renewed its offer, first made in 1989, of £7.6 million for Canova's sculpture of *The Three Graces*. This in turn has renewed the campaign to save the statue for the nation.

The sculpture may be, as it has been described, the finest in Britain although, to austere tastes, it is a curve too suitable for a chocolate box. It has the most expensive price-tag on its head of any British sculpture so far. But it cannot be described as an essential part of the national heritage *without some risk of artistic inexactitude.*

The three naked nymphs were chiselled in his Rome studio by the maestro of neo-*classicism after a commission by the 6th* Duke of Bedford in 1814. Five years later they were installed in a specially built temple *in the grounds of Woburn Abbey, and for the* next 160 years they had the statuary existence of stones, however beautiful, dis*turbing nobody but the cattle and aris*tocratic visitors, and later the lions and trippers. In 1985 the sculpture was sold by the Marquis of Tavistock to the elusive Fine Art Investment and Display company of the Cayman Islands, which thought it had sold it to the Getty Museum five years later.

But the government refused an export licence. An appeal organised by the Victoria and Albert *Museum to match* the Getty bid failed to raise even a twentieth of the money needed. Since then *The Three Graces* have languished, locked away from the public.

There are numerous Canovas on public view in the United Kingdom, for example, *the massive nude statue of Napoleon as* Roman emperor (which he disliked) in Apsley House. With the growth in tourism to the USA, more Britons are likely to see the statue free-of-charge at Malibu than ever visited it by invitation or turnstile at Woburn. Whatever happens, it is not returning to its custom-built niche there. Getty's reproduction of the Villa dei Papiri at Herculaneum, the only Roman villa with an underground car park, has become one of the great galleries of the world, in spite of "Roman repro" snobbery and Paul Getty's omnivorous taste.

A few artefacts may be so essential a part of a nation's history that they cannot be allowed to emigrate, for example, in the United Kingdom, Stonehenge and the Wilton Diptych. But almost all great art belongs to the whole world, and should ultimately follow the market to where it can be seen.

Unless Britain can raise the money for *The Three Graces* by public subscription or by a museum selling other less essential pieces of national heritage of which it deems it has a superfluity, the ladies should go to charm the Californian sunshine. The Getty has even offered to let them return regularly to Britain. There is far more grace in Malibu than in a security warehouse.

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Police corruption and 'Panorama'

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, It is to be hoped that the Attorney-General will order an enquiry into the circumstances in which the BBC's *Panorama* programme about alleged police corruption came to be broadcast (reports, September 28, later editions: September 29). In over half a century's experience of the administration of criminal justice this was by far the worst example I can remember of the media acting in a way which might prejudice a fair trial.

When were the arrests made? The *decision is unlikely to have been made* between the end of the programme at about 10.10pm and 7am yesterday when the news was broadcast on Radio 4. If made before the *Panorama* programme was broadcast did the BBC know what was going to happen? *If they did surely they should* have appreciated what effect the programme might have if those arrested were tried.

Then there is the broader question. When the BBC came into possession of the recordings of conversations *between their informant and a named* police officer, did they hand them over to the police? If they did not, why not?

Many may find unattractive, as I do, the fact of the BBC using evidence about alleged police corruption, given to them by an admitted criminal (*in my experience a dangerous thing to* do), for the purposes of attracting viewers at peak hours.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
1 The Village,
Skelton, North Yorkshire.
September 29.

From Mr Barrie Searle

Sir, Let us assume the police officers accused of corruption are innocent. Let us also assume there is no evidence to bring a criminal prosecution. Let us assume further there is, however, evidence to found a disciplinary charge based on the uncorroborated evidence of a convicted criminal. Is it right that

The police officers should no longer be entitled to legal representation before a disciplinary tribunal, as proposed by the home secretary at the conference of the superintendents' association (report, September 23); that

The disciplinary tribunal should no *longer apply the civil burden of proof* as opposed to the existing criminal burden of proof; and finally that

Police officers would no longer be able to exercise their right to silence?

Yours sincerely,
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68 Quay Street, Manchester 3.
September 29.

D-Day anniversary

From Mr Oliver Holmes

Sir, Your D-Day articles (September *22-24) remind me that the 50th anni*versary of this momentous event fast approaches. The governments of Britain, the United States and France have apparently refused any German representation at the planned celebrations (leading article, September 22). Bearing in mind the ill-feeling in Germany over the Bomber Harris statue, this is bound to cause further rancour.

Surely, as committed Europeans, now is the time to signal full reconciliation by inviting German participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER HOLMES,
5 Elmcroft Road,
Ipswich, Suffolk.
September 23.

From Mrs Sophie Reed

Sir, Born in 1945, I was raised in the US during the ensuing prosperous years. When I was 20, I went to study and live in Paris with an Anglo-American family.

My American host invited me to *drive to Normandy* for a day at a beach he had once visited many years before. As our journey ended, he became more and more subdued. We arrived, he stepped out and walked towards the sea to a place he called "Omaha Beach"; his wife and I followed slowly behind. No high school history lesson or Hollywood war film had prepared me for this jolting scene.

I shall never forget standing beside him. I sensed his anguish, the terror of those dreadful days, his memories of friends killed, his satisfaction at having helped defeat evil.

Yours faithfully,
SOPHIE REED,
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Richmond, Surrey.
September 25.

Names in vogue

From Mr Cyril A. Pigott

Sir, If John is now out of fashion as a boy's name (report, September 27), whatever has happened to Cyril? In this small village there are at least five senior-citizen Cyrils, but in 30 years as a headmaster in Norfolk, Berkshire and Hampshire I never admitted one. Why?

Yours sincerely,
CYRIL A. PIGOTT,
Little Gaunt, Old Palace Farm,
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Stockbridge, Hampshire.
September 27.

Comparing life in Britain and US

Sir, As an Englishman who has worked in an American university for the past 13 years, I am quite unconvinced by Lord Rees-Mogg's endeavour to persuade his friend in the United States to pack his bags and come to live in Britain ("Americans who flock to our shores", September 16).

For the types of people able to work in either country — e.g., those in *manufacturing industry, scientific re*search, medicine and academe — American salaries are at least twice as high as those in Britain.

American taxes are lower, in spite of the proposals of the Clinton administration. Taxes in any country include sales taxes (high in Britain, low in America). We must also consider the deductions allowed from direct taxation, such as the unlimited write-off of mortgage interest and charitable donations in the United States.

Private health-care is better in America, for no better reason than that there is a higher proportion of doctors in the population. Since virtually all insurance schemes are substantially funded by employers, private health insurance is generally cheaper for US participants.

The academic standards of most Headmasters' Conference schools in Britain may be higher than in most public high schools in America, but the proportion of children in private education is small in Britain and even smaller in America.

There are far more front-rank universities in the United States than in Britain (for a population four times as large). There are also vast numbers *of second and third-rank American* universities. Children leaving school here have a much wider choice and a stronger chance of getting into a high-class university. American parents also make far greater financial sacrifices for their children's university education than do British parents.

There is a climate of enterprise and energy among young people in the US that is simply not present in Britain. I have watched the careers of large numbers of American university graduates and have been not infrequently dazzled by their achievements in the real world.

The American government, with its First Amendment, its separation of powers and its checks and balances, was constructed with its citizens in mind. This is a very big difference indeed between the United States and Britain.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PHILIP JONES,
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Teenage pregnancies

From the Director of the Family Planning Association

Sir, It is interesting to see Michael Portillo comparing Holland's low teenage pregnancy rate favourably with the situation here ("Portillo fuels debate on benefits for single parents", report, *September 16). However, the* minister's suggestion that our welfare benefits system is a major factor in the UK's high rate is misleading.

The Dutch are renowned for their commitment to providing accessible, confidential family planning services and comprehensive sex education for young people. International research indicates that this approach is the key to reducing the high level of teenage pregnancy in Britain.

But sex education in British schools remains patchy and, as a recent FPA survey illustrates, many GPs still do *not provide contraceptive services* which are accessible to teenagers.

Although recent figures show a drop in teenage pregnancies (report, September 17), the government has a long way to go to meet the target of halving the number of teenage conceptions set out in its own "Health of the Nation" strategy.

Providing better family planning *services and sex education is more* cost-effective and more caring than leaving our teenagers at risk of unwanted pregnancy.

Yours sincerely,
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'Puma' sightings

From Mr Albert Beale

Sir, Your report and photograph (September 25) of a large cat-like animal seen in Co Durham referred to reported puma sightings in Britain "in the past decade", and said "one of *the first sightings was in the summer* of 1984".

In fact the story goes back much further. I remember a youthful summer in 1966 when I spent several weekends in and around the area of Hurt Wood, Surrey — south-east of *Guildford — hunting (non-violently)* the then infamous "Surrey Puma".

The use of "essence of puma" from London Zoo and tape recordings of pumas being either friendly or unfriendly (I forget which) failed to bring us the conclusive proof we wanted. *But perhaps this related to the fact* that the Oxford University zoologist leading our team normally specialised *in the mating habits of the black*headed gull.

Yours, still sceptical after all these years,
ALBERT BEALE,
5 Caledonian Road, N1.
September 28.

From Mr C. F. T. Hartop

Sir, One would like to think that the feline shown in your photograph is a puma, but it is obvious that the rabbit it is carrying has *rigor mortis*. This would suggest a clever opportunist rather than a ferocious predator.

Yours faithfully,
C. F. T. HARTOP,
The Old Canal House,
Spring Glen, New York 12483.
September 28.

Studies, not visas

From Mr David Simons

Sir, Your report of September 13, *"Visa factories offer short cut to job* market", alleged that some students at language schools are paying for visas, not for studies, and that low fees encourage students to skip classes for the sake of remaining in the UK.

Even in the worst schools — which are, *after all, commercial undertak*ings — it is in the owner's interest to put on adequate lessons, unless he or she wishes to see a queue of students demanding refunds. If the school's intention was simply to sell visas, its owners would need to lie continuously to the Home Office and falsify documents to stay in business.

As regards the cheaper fees charged by non-recognised schools, *The Times* itself has reduced its price but is still *The Times*. Cheaper schools offer good tuition at affordable prices, as well as providing employment for English teachers.

Yours faithfully,
D. E. SIMONS
(Principal),
Golders Green College
of Business Studies,
11 Golders Green Road, NW11.

History with a future

From Professor Sean McGrail

Sir, Your report of August 26 on the medieval wreck in the Hamble River (probably that of Henry V's *Grace Dieu*) appears to have triggered reports elsewhere giving the impression that this designated historic wreck will shortly be excavated, lifted and placed alongside Henry VIII's *Mary Rose* in Portsmouth. This is far from being the case.

Results of the recently published preliminary investigation of this wreck site need to be evaluated to establish what should be done next. The procedure of full excavation, lifting, conservation and display is only one of several possible actions. At the other end of the spectrum is the task of regularly monitoring the remains to ensure that they do not *deteriorate or sustain damage. Other* possibilities include remote-sensing surveys and partial excavation. Each of these courses of action has its costs and benefits.

The wreck was bought by the University of Southampton from the Royal Navy in January 1970 for £5 and I understand that that university's archaeology department is to confer *with other parties, including the* Department of National Heritage, administrators of the 1973 Protection of Wrecks Act, so that the wreck's future can be assured.

Yours faithfully,
SEAN McGRAIL,
Institute of Archaeology,
36 Beaumont Street, Oxford.
September 27.

Population explosion

From Dom Alberic Stacpoole

Sir, Your editorial writers and religious affairs correspondent always seem to write about the Pope "and his flock of 800 million worshippers" (or some such figure).

The official truth is that the Vatican tally on New Year's Day 1992 (the latest available figure) was 944 million out of a world population of 5.4 billion. So Roman Catholics worldwide amount to around 18 per cent, the largest single religious group or denomination in the world.

That constitutes a rise of some 16 million throughout 1991 — world population rising accordingly. Countries with the largest RC populations are, in this order: Brazil (135 million), Mexico (84), Italy (56), USA (55), Philippines (52), France (50), etc.

For the record, San Marino (east coast of Italy) boasts 23,000 citizens — 99.85 per cent of them Catholic! (Equally proportionate — tiny numbers, huge percentage — the Vatican boasts the world's largest standing army, however rude their armaments.)

Yours faithfully,
A. J. STACPOOLE, OSB,
St Chad's, Kirkbymoorside, York.
September 24.

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Unseen perils of insurance policies

From Mr R. M. Napier

Sir, I have, in the course of my work as a solicitor, during the last few years *noticed increasingly that many in*surance companies seem to have virtually ceased issuing policies within a reasonable time of the payment of the premium. They will, if pressed, provide policy schedules or summaries but virtually nothing else. If there is a claim they will often wheel out an exclusion clause which the insured person knows nothing whatsoever about.

I can appreciate what I take to be the insurance company's view — that if the customer does not know the terms of his policy it is difficult for him or her to adapt the claim to get round exclusion clauses. But from the insured's point of view it is extremely *annoying to see a claim in respect of,* say, a substantial burglary rejected because jewellery was not deposited in the safe or the burglar alarm did not comply with the current standard, notwithstanding the fact that they had no knowledge of any such require*ments.*

My understanding is that insurance contracts are contracts "of the utmost good faith" and that companies should disclose snags with their policies in the same way as the insured should disclose matters material to the companies. Regrettably, many people do not have the financial strength to challenge their companies in such situations.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. NAPIER,
Albinson Napier & Co (solicitors),
20 Bold Street, Warrington, Cheshire.
September 28.

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Law-breaking shops

From Mr A. M. Airey

Sir, The remarks of Mr John Beishon, chief executive of the Consumers' Association, supporting Sunday trading (letter, September 24), are quite extraordinary.

Perhaps many of the goods sold by supermarkets on Sunday are permitted by schedule 5 to the Shops Act 1950. Perhaps many people have become used to shopping on a Sunday and would like the facility to continue. However, businesses that open for the purpose of selling goods that are not permitted are committing a criminal offence under section 47 of the Act.

I find it amazing that the Consumers' Association, part of whose function is to speak out against unlawful practices, should condone this flagrant law-breaking and that its *chief executive should make such an* attack on Mr Hampson, chairman of the John Lewis Partnership (letter, September 18), when he deplores the persistent disobedience of the law.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. AIREY
(Chairman and Managing Director),
Airey & Wheeler Ltd,
44 Piccadilly, W1.
September 27.

Keeping fit at 88

From Mrs R. G. Currey

Sir, Mr Alan Hamilton's account of his ascent of Kilimanjaro (report, September 18) has spurred many of us towards the achievements that can be *carried out in later years.*

At 83 I had to give up short tennis (played on a badminton court with a lowered net and using a soft ball) because I moved to the Isle of Man and so far I have failed to find a club where it is played. At 88 (and a half) I *ride the bicycle in the gym. At the end* of every ride my pulse is taken and has proved to be all it should be.

I have written a book on my word-processor, hoping to inspire the elderly to keep fit and enjoy life (and save the country money), but though there have been many enquiries about the date of publication, so far no lousy publisher has shown interest.

Yours sincerely,
RONA CURREY,
Pear Tree Cottage,
Castletown, Isle of Man.
September 27.

Older cars

From Mr Peter Turnbull

Sir, Kevin Eason's enjoyable article (September 24) about the benefits of running an older car omits to mention what in my experience is the overriding advantage of such vehicles: they don't get stolen.

Yours sincerely,
PETER TURNBULL,
17 St Michael's Crescent,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
September 25.

Opportunities knock

From Mr Greg Masters

Sir, My local off-licence now offers glass-bottled drinking water which has been sourced and shipped from Canada. What will be the next product to champion a victory of niche marketing over common sense?

Yours faithfully,
G. J. MASTERS,
Kurrimine, Chapel Lane,
Bagshot, Surrey.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 29: The Queen held a *Council at 12.45pm.*

There were present: the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Lord Rodger of Earlsferry (Lord Advocate), the Rt Hon Ian Lang MP (Secretary of State for Scotland) and the Rt Hon Alastair Goodlad MP (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Mr Nigel Nicolls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Brian McGrath at the Memorial Service for the Lord *Burnham (Chairman, Sail Training* Association) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

The Lady Elton has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting *to The Queen.*

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 29: The Princess Royal, Patron, the National Autistic Society, this morning visited the Head Office, 276 Willesden Lane, London NW2.

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon attended the Braemar Scottish Country Clothing One Hundred and Twenty First Birthday Party and Fashion Show at *the Roof Gardens. 99 Kensington* High Street, London W8.

The Princess Royal, Upper Warden, the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, this evening attended the Annual Church Service, St Michael's Church, Cornhill, London EC3, *followed by Supper, City of London* Club, Old Broad Street, London EC2.

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 29: The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, this afternoon attended Evensong followed by a Reception at St Paul's Cathedral, London EC4.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, the United Grand Lodge of England, was represented by Mr Iain Ross *Bryce at the Memorial Service for the* Life of Lieutenant Colonel Lord Burnham which was held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1 today.

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Frank James Community Hospital, Adelaide Grove, East Cowes; and the Earl Mountbatten Hospice, Halberry Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight, and was met on arrival *by Major General Oliver Roome* (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Isle of Wight).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened The Heights Health and Leisure Base, the Broadway, *Sandown; and the Broadlea County* Primary School, Manor Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will address the Army Command and Staff Course at the Staff College, Camberley, at 10.30; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the shop at 2 William Street, Windsor, at 2.05.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the 6th Skegness (Sacred Heart) Sea Scouts and Cub Scouts Hall at Wainfleet Road playing fields at 2.00; will visit Derbyshire Children's Seaside Home at 1 Scarborough Avenue at 2.45; and will open Friskney United Charities' bungalows for the elderly at Eau Dyke Road, Friskney, at 3.45.

The Duke of Kent will visit Valstar Systems, Burghmuir Drive, Inverurie, at 11.25; Alsop of Aberdeen Food Park, Blackhall Industrial Estate, at 12.15; and, as Colonel of the RAF Benevolent Fund, will visit Alastrean House, Downe Side, at 2.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, will attend the British Medical Institute Hospitals' Nightingale Ball at Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, at 7.55.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary *of State for Defence, was host* yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Hans Haekkerup, Danish Minister for Defence.

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained yesterday at luncheon at the Mansion House Mr Alderman Paul Newall, the Lord Mayor Elect and Mrs Newall, with members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and Officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts.

Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce
Hans Skov Christensen, Director-General of the Confederation of Danish Industries, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce held *yesterday at the Hyde* Park Hotel. Mr James G. David, chairman, presided. The Danish Ambassador was present.

Birthdays today



Deborah Kerr, the actress, is 73 today

Sir Stanley Bailey, former chief constable, Northumbria, 67; the Rev Dr Gordon Barritt, former president, Methodist Conference, and former principal, National Children's Home, 73; Lord Belstead, 61; Sir Derek Birkin, chairman, RTZ Corporation, 64; Mr Kevin Brewer, former governor, Maidstone Prison, 44; General Sir Edward Burgess, 66; Professor Geoffrey Chisholm, surgeon, 62; Viscount Cranborne, 47; Professor Sir Eric Denton, marine biologist, 70; Mr Bill Dixon Smith, former chairman, Essex County Council, 59; Sir Peter Fawcus, colonial officer, 78; Mr Staffan Gadd, banker, 59; Mr A.E.S. Green, painter, 54; Mr A.R. Hacker, clarinettist and conductor, 57; the Right Rev Patrick Harris, *Bishop of Southwell, 59; Professor* F. Llewellyn-Jones, former principal, University College of Swansea, 86; Mr Johnny Mathis, singer, 55; Sir Nevill Mott, physicist, 88; Mr Ian Ogilvy, actor, 50; Mr Stewart Steven, editor, *Evening Standard*, 55; Mr J.I.M. Stewart (Michael Innes), author, 87; Mr Donald Swann, composer, pianist and singer, 70; Sir Peter Yarranton, chairman, Sports Council, 69.

Observing the night sky in October

By Michael J Hendrie
Astronomy Correspondent

MERCURY reaches greatest eastern elongation (25 degrees) on the 14th but will be too low in the southwestern sky for observation, setting no more than an hour after the Sun throughout the month.

Venus rises about 03h 30m early in October but only two hours before the Sun by the end of the month. The thin crescent Moon is near the -3.9 magnitude planet on the 14th.

Mars is an evening star but continues to set about an hour after the Sun and is too low and faint at 1.5 magnitude for easy observation.

Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 18th and then becomes a morning star. In Virgo, the -1.6 magnitude planet will be too close to the Sun for observation.

Saturn is in Capricornus and reaches a stationary point on the 28th when the motion against the stars will again become direct or towards the east. The 0.6 magnitude ringed planet sets about *midnight in late October. Moon to* the north on the 24th.

Uranus is in Sagittarius and little more than a degree south of Neptune. Both planets are now rather low in the southwestern sky during the evening and, at 5.8 and 8 magnitude, Uranus and Neptune are not easy to identify without more detailed charts. The crescent Moon will be 3 degrees north of *Neptune on the 21st.*

The Moon: last quarter, 8d 20h; new Moon, 15d 12h; first quarter, 22d 09h; full Moon, 30d 13h. The Harvest Moon is the full Moon nearest the date of the autumn equinox. The next full Moon is called the Hunter's Moon. The *Hunter's Moon is on October 30th* in 1993.

Sunset on the 1st is at 17h 40m and on the 31st at 16h 35m while sunrise is at 06h 00m and 06h 50m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 19h 30m and 18h 30m early and late in the month and begins again at 04h 05m and 05h 00m.

Algol, the variable star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours and can be seen near its faintest about the following times: 8d 04h, 11d 01h, 13d 22h and 31d 03h.

The Orionids meteor shower reaches maximum activity on the 22nd and some meteors from the radiant area to the north and east of Betelgeuse can often be seen for three or four days about this date. Although never very numerous the Orionids, debris from Halley's comet, are fast meteors and often leave glowing trains persisting for a few seconds after the meteor has passed. The Moon is at first quarter but will be low in the southwest during the evening, setting by 23h.

Uranus and Neptune have made three very close approaches in 1993. As the Earth overtakes the slower moving outer planets, they appear to move backwards or westwards against the stars. This reversal of the normal direct motion is caused only by the relative motions of the planets as they are always moving in the same direction, eastwards against the stars, as seen from the Sun at the centre of the Solar System.

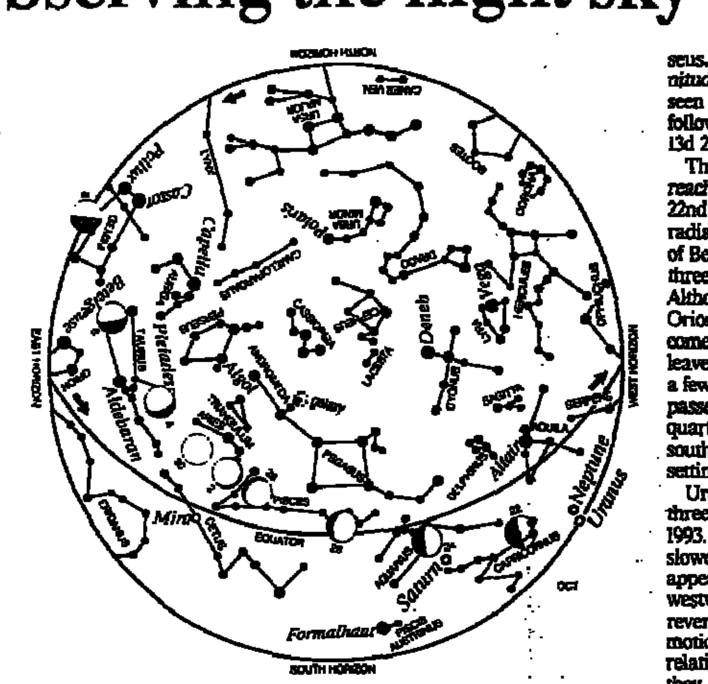
Uranus takes 84 years to orbit the Sun and so it will be back in the same part of Sagittarius in another 84 years. Neptune takes 165 years to travel round the Sun (and our sky) once and so by the time Uranus is back in its 1993 position, Neptune will be in the opposite part of the sky, having moved about half way round its orbit. And by the time Uranus gets there, Neptune will have moved on again. In fact it will be about 170 years before the two planets come together again as they have been in 1993.

The evenings draw-in most rapidly during September and October with the time the Sun is above the horizon at the latitude of southern England reduced by nearly two hours in each month. The effect on twilight is to give an additional two hours of real darkness during October.

Another sure sign that another winter is on the way is the reappearance in the evening sky of the Pleiades. This well known star cluster in Taurus is visible in the northeast soon after 21h early in October and two hours earlier by the 31st. It remains a conspicuous object throughout the autumn and winter sky for observers in Britain.

When seen low in the sky it appears as a misty patch about twice the size of the full Moon but as it climbs higher it can be resolved into stars. Six stars are readily seen by most observers though a keen eye in a very dark, transparent sky may see several more, eleven or even sixteen stars have been seen with the naked eye.

The star cluster is a fine sight in binoculars or a small telescope when a few dozen bright, bluish stars can be seen. The Pleiades cluster is 410 light years away and about 80 million years old. Photographs show a hundred or more fainter stars, all moving as a group through the Galaxy. The stars formed from the same cloud of gas and dust and are drifting apart, the final dispersion of the stars taking hundreds of millions of years.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes.

Memorial services

Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Burnham
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Brian McGrath and the Duke of Kent by Colonel Iain R. Bryce, Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of *Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Burnham* held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. Prince Michael of Kent was present.

The Rev Roy McCallen and Canon Mark Fitzwilliams officiated. The Hon Harry Lawson read the lesson, the Hon Mrs Maher, daughter, read from *Gitanjali* by Rabindranath Tagore and Mrs Janka Bielak, representing the Sail Training Association, read *The Ship* by Bishop Brent. Major Andrew Napier gave an address. The Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire attended. Among others present were:

The Dowager Lady Burnham (widow), Mr and the Hon Mrs Andrew Farncombe and Signor and the Hon Mrs Marino Sain (sons-in-law and daughters), Lord and Lady Burnham (brother and sister-in-law), the Hon Mrs Whitehead (sister), Mr David Maher (son-in-law), the Hon *Mrs John Ashley Cooper (sister-in-law)*, the Hon Charlotte Lawson, the Hon Emma Lawson, the Marquess and Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Marquess and Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, Mrs Fenella Baines, Mrs Margaret Wrathall, Major Toby Browne, Mr and Mrs Mark Baines, Mr and Mrs George Davenport, Mr Francis Tufton, Miss Susan Ashley-Cooper, Miss Elizabeth Ashley-Cooper, Mr and Mrs Anthony Browne, Mr Ben Browne.

The Earl of Eglinton and Winton, the *Earl and Countess of Norbury*, Viscount Camrose, Lord Westbury, Lord Congleton, Baroness Sharples, Lady Freyberg, Lady Penelope Wynn-Williams, the Hon Michael and Mrs Spring Rice, Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, Major the Hon Andrew Wigram, the Hon Robert and Mrs Boscawen, the Hon Mrs Greville Howard, the Hon Dominic Elliot, the Hon Richard Godber, the Hon Margaret Campbell and Mr R Jackson (Beaconsfield Conservative Association), Catherine Lady Walker-Okeover, *Sir Julian and Lady* Paget, Lady Graham, Captain Sir Thomas Barlow, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott.

Admiral Sir Rae McKaig, General Sir David and Lady Fraser, Vice-Admiral Sir George Vallings (chairman, racing committee, Sail Training Association) and Lady Vallings with Mr Brian Stewart (deputy chairman of the association) and Colonel R H Dodswell (race director) and Mrs Dodswell; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston (United Retriever Club), Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, *Sir John Stokes*, Major-General Sir John Swinton (Blue Seal Club) and Lady Swinton, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Major-General Sir Rigby Raeburn (3rd Guards Club) and Lady Raeburn, Sir Hugh and Lady Byatt, Sir Peter and Lady Anne Thorne, Captain Michael and Lady Neil Boyle, Brigadier and the Hon Mrs J P Kiszely.

Commander M B S Higham (grand secretary, United Grand Lodge of England) and Mr E J Deyung (Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire) with masonic friends and colleagues; Major Robin Whyte (regimental Lieutenant-Colonel Scots Guards), Mr Christopher Prideaux (Buckinghamshire TAVRA), Mr B Theobold-Hicks (City of London branch, RAMC Association), Mr R C Bentley (treasurer, Sussex Committee Sail Training Association) and Mrs Bentley (chairman), Colonel David German (Household Division Yacht Club), Mr Arthur Wellow (Maritime Trust), Mr Maldwyn Drummond (*commodore*, Royal Yacht Squadron), Brigadier Robin Duchesne (Royal Yachting Association), Mrs Vera Corner Halligan (Sea Rangers Association), Mr Richard Peters (Beaconsfield Nursery), Mrs Daphne Murnane (Buckinghamshire Girl Guides Association), Mr John Rudd (Berry Brothers and Rudd) and Mrs Rudd, Mrs E V Law (Taplow Horse Show Club) and Mr R F Smith (Beaconsfield Town Crier).

Mr Michael Grade, Mrs Andrew Napier, Mr and Mrs A Butterwick, *Colonel and Mrs Christopher* Hanbury, Mr Timothy Smith, MP, and Mrs Smith.

Mr James Hunt
Prince Michael of Kent was represented by Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, at a service of celebration for the life of Mr James Hunt held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Andrew Studdert-Kennedy officiated and Mr Peter Hunt, brother, introduced the speakers. *Mr and Mrs Wallis Hunt*, parents, and Miss Helen Dyson read the lessons.

Mr Innes Ireland, British Racing Drivers' Club, read from Rudyard Kipling's *If* and Mrs Sally Jones, sister, read *Jim* from Hilaire Belloc's *Cautionary Tales for Children*. Lord Hesketh, Mr Murray Walker, motor racing commentator, BBC Television, Dr Nigel Davison, and Mr Stirling Moss gave addresses. Among others present were:

Tom and Freddie Hunt (sons), Mr and Mrs Tim Hunt (brother and sister-in-law), Mr David Hunt (brother), Ms Georgina Hunt (sister), Mr Philip Jones (brother-in-law), Mrs Peter Hunt (sister-in-law), Mrs Sarah Hunt, Mr Tim Hunt, Lizzie, Charlie and Anna Hunt, Mr and Mrs John Brooker, Mr and Mrs James Brooker, Harriet and Emily Jones, Ms Lucy Jones, Mr David Dennison, Mr and Mrs Denny Jones.

Viscountess Bridport, Lady Hesketh, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lord and Lady Rennell, Kathryn Lady Vestey, the Hon Mrs Michael Pearson, the Hon H H P and Mrs Wyndham, Mr Jonathan Martin (head of sports and events group, BBC Television) with Mr Will Wyatt (managing director, BBC Network Television), Mr John Beerling (controller, Radio One) and Sir Roger Cary (consultant to the director-general).

Mr and Mrs Jean Alesi, Mr Roger Benoit, Mr Gerhard Berger, Mr and *Mrs Sean Connery, Mr Malcolm* Clube, Mr David Coleman, Mr Peter Cook, Mr C B Dodwell, Mr Mike Doodson, Mr and Mrs Mark Dyson, Mr James Dyson, Ms Frances Dyson, Mr and Mrs Emerson Fittipaldi, Mr R G French, Mr and Mrs Peter Gaydon, Mr Mika Hakkinen, Mr Alan Hart, Mr and Mrs Johnny Herbert, Mr and Mrs Damon Hill, Mrs Graham Hill, Mr John Hogg, Mr Alan Jones, Mr and Mrs Chris Jones.

Mr Mike Knight, Mr Jochen Mass, Mr Michael Medwin, Mr B K McGivern, Mr and Mrs Jackie Oliver, *Mr Jonathan Palmer, Mr Alain Prost*, Mr John R Quenby, Mr Steve Rider, Mr Ayrton Senna, Mr Jody Scheckter, Mr Barry Sheene, Mr and Mrs Patrick Tambay, Mr and Mrs Ken Tyrell, Mr and Mrs Rob Walker, Mr and Mrs Roger Waters, Mr J M Watson, Mr and Mrs John F De Stefano, Mr and Mrs Mike Hailwood, Mr Pat McLaren, Mrs Innes Ireland, Mrs Stirling Moss.

Ms Jane Birbeck, Mr David Woodley, Mrs Sarah Woodridge, Ms Beatris Assumpcao, Mr and Mrs Adrian Hamilton, Mr John Fingleton, *Mr Herbie Blash, Mr and Mrs M J* Hughes, Mr Robin Robins, Mr and Mrs Will Hay, Miss Mynah Bird, Mr Jim Gleaver, Mr J Goodeve-Docker, Mr and Mrs Tony Rudlin, Miss Sue Weaver, Mr Anthony Marsh, Mrs C J Driver, Mr Niall Sloane, Mr Paul Treuthardt, Mr and Mrs Daley Thompson, Mr Brian Barwick, Miss Jo Crossland, Mr Nigel Kemp, Mr Simon Allen, Mr David Olivestone, Mr Charles Balchin, Mr James Whitbourn.

Mr Andrew Longmore (*The Times*), Ms Caroline Graham (*The Sun*), Mr Richard Williams (*The Independent*), Mr David Welch (*The Daily Telegraph*), Mr Hugh McIlvanney (*The Observer*), Mr Anthony Howard (*Daily Mail Grand Prix Racing*), Mr David Smith (*Evening Standard*), Mr David Tremayne (*Motoring News* and *Motor Sport*) with Mr Simon Arron; Mr Pino Allievi (*La Gazetta dello Sport*), Mr Andrew Bordiss (*Auto Express*), Mr Bruce Jones (*Autosport*), Mr Michael Watts (*Esquire*), Mr David Leckie (Nine Network Australia).

Mr Mike Branigan (Shell *International Petroleum*), Mr Johnny Harrison (Texaco), Mr Patrick Head (Williams Grand Prix Engineering), Mr Ron Dennis (McLaren International), Mr Peter Collins (Team Lotus International), Mr Luca di Montezemolo (Ferrari SpA), Mr Eddie Jordan (Jordan Grand Prix), Mr Alan Rees (Footwork GP International), Mr Peter Cooper (Federation International du Sport Automobile), Mr Paddy McNally (Allsport Management), Mr Martin Colvill (Bell and Colvill), Mr Jon Davison (Sandown International Motor), Mr Brendan Foster (Nova International).

Mr Barrie Gill (Champion Sporting Specialists), Mr Tony Garrett (Sport and Events Group), Mr Abe Segal (Abe Segal Sports), Mr John Holloway (Wellington College), Miss A Wilson (Turning Point), Captain Donald Young (representing the secretary, Sunningdale Golf Club), Mrs Joan Sommerill (Domino Creative Services), Mr Mike Newing (Coutts), M Jacques Wittmer (*Brunschwig Wittmer*), Mr Barry Taylor (Olympus Optical UK) and Mrs Taylor.

Viscount Rochdale
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Viscount Rochdale was held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated and the Rev Rodney Hughes led the prayers. Viscount Rochdale, son, and Mr Simon Knight read the lessons and the Right Rev David Halsey gave an address. Among those present were: Elinor Viscountess Rochdale (widow), Viscountess Rochdale (daughter-in-law), the Hon Christopher Kemp and the Hon Jonathan Kemp (grandsons), the Hon Joanna Kemp and the Hon Susanna Kemp (granddaughters), Miss Vanessa Anderton (step-granddaughter), Mr Michael Anderton (step-grandson), Mrs Nicholas Pease (sister-in-law), Miss Jennifer Barlow, Sir John Barlow, Mrs Victoria Bray, Mr Charles Bray, *Mr F R Egerton, Mr D P R Knight*, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs H M A Knight, Mr and Mrs J C Knight, Mrs Simon Knight, Miss Gillian Lewitt, Mr and Mrs D S Martin, Miss Philippa Pease, Mr and Mrs John Perkins, Mr and Mrs M A Pelham, Miss Helen Rogers, Mr and Mrs Richard Sampson, Miss Ming Xian Zhu, Mr B J E C Boultbee.

The Earl and Countess of Listowel, Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, and Viscountess Whitelaw, Viscount Brentford, Lord and Lady Allen of Abbeydale, Lord Cooke of *Islandreagh, Lord and Lady* Denham, Lord Glenamara, CH, Lord and Lady Gorell, Lord Greenhill, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Henley, Lord Inglewood, MEP, and Lady Inglewood, Lord Kagan, Lord and Lady Trefgarne, Lady Gore-Booth.

The Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, the Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria and Lady Graham, the High Sheriff of Cumbria and representatives of the Chamber of Shipping, Harland and Wolff, Windermere Nautical Trust, the National Trust, the Weavers' Company, Credit Suisse Asset Management, the National Gardens Scheme, 'Cumbria in Bloom', Commonwealth Trust Cumbria branch, the Lansdowne Club, the Textile Institute, the YMCA (Manchester) and the Christian Science Publishing Society.

Professor Eric M. Crook
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Eric M. Crook will take place at 12.30pm on Tuesday, November 2, 1993, in the Parish Church of St Bartholomew the Less, West Smithfield, London, EC1.

Dinners

Distillers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a livery and ladies' dinner of the Distillers' Company held last night at Guildhall. Mr Nigel C. Strofton, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens. The Lord Mayor, the Canadian High Commissioner, Mr Anthony Edwards and Mr Ian Coombs also spoke.

Defence and Security Forum
Lady Olga Maitland, MP, President of Defence and Security Forum, presided at a dinner held last night at the Carlton Club. Viscount Cranborne, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest speaker.

Pembroke College, Oxford
Fellows of Pembroke College, Oxford, gave a dinner last night in college hall to mark the retirement of the Master, Sir Roger Bannister.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host last night at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government in Edinburgh Castle for the Further Education College Board of Management chairmen and college principals.

HM Government
Lord Strathclyde, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Consumer Affairs and Small Firms, was host yesterday at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at the Durbar Court to mark the Third Grove Fuel Cell Symposium.

Appointments

Gerwyn Rhidian Watkins and Michael Anthony Rosenberg to be Provincial Stipendiary Magistrates: Mr Watkins for the South Glamorgan Commission Area from October 25; Mr Rosenberg for South Yorkshire from October 11.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C.P. Carey
and Miss E.F.C. Kennedy
The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr Michael Carey, of Rasina, Italy, and Mrs Pamela Powers, of Knightsbridge, London, and Fiona, only daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs A.I. Kennedy, of West Kensington, London and Northampton.

Mr R.W. Gray
and Miss A.E. Carr
The engagement is announced between Richard William, son of Mr and Mrs William Gray, of Cambridge, and Amanda Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Carr, of Ealing, London.

Mr S.G.R. Keeping
and Miss S.J. Bell
The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Keeping, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Bell, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr R.B. Maddock
and Miss H.G. Mayer
The engagement is announced between Richard Baldwin, son of Mr and Mrs M. Slater, of Harold Wood, Essex, and Heidi Giselle, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.R. Mayer, of Epping, Essex.

M T.P.J. Ruyer
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Mr P.B. Smith
and Miss L.M. Porritt
The engagement is announced between Paul Brian, only son of Mr Brian Smith, of Tonbridge, and Mrs Janet Williams, of Peacehaven, and Lynda Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Porritt, of Westcott, near Dorking, Surrey.

Marriages

Comte C-H. de Boissieu
and Mlle Claire de Maupeou
The marriage took place quietly in Paris, on August 9, between le Comte Charles-Henri de Boissieu and Mlle Claire de Maupeou.

Mr N.P. Straker
and Miss K.A. Murray-Philipson
The marriage took place on September 25, at St Michael and All Angels, Hallaton, Leicestershire, of Mr Nicholas Straker, youngest son of the late Edward Straker and of Mrs Straker, of Deal, Kent, and Miss Kate Murray-Philipson, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Murray-Philipson, of Blaston, Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Kitty and Tom Faulkner, Maximillian and Eliza Dolbey, Maximilian Hurd, Kinvara Jardine-Patterson, Geordie Morrison and James Macleod. The Hon Philip Astor was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Westminster School

The 1993 Harrod Lecture was given up School on Wednesday, September 29, by The Right Hon Michael Portillo, MP, Chief Secretary to HM Treasury, after which The Head Master held a reception in Ashburnham House.

Lord Mayor of London

Alderman Paul Newall has been elected Lord Mayor of London. He will be admitted to office on November 12.

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COOPER - On 28th September in Melbourne, to Sarah (née Macey-Dare) and Ian, a son, James Edward.

DALRYMPLE - On September 29th, to Anna and Robert, a son, David Fleetwood Hamilton, a brother for Effie, Sophia and Honor.

EVERARD - On 9th September, to Mary Christine (née Sharpe) and Grenville, a son, Richard Douglas.

FORDHAM - On September 27th, to Sally and Christopher, a daughter, Lucca.

HAMMOND - On September 28th, to Louise (nee Sale) and George, a son, Archie Richard Thomas, a brother for Jack.

HOLME - On September 22nd, to Pippa and Tom, a daughter, Poppy Ann, a sister for David and Henry.

KETTLES - On 26th September in Lincoln, to Sarah (née Probert) and Alasdair, a son Callum John.

LEWIS - On September 19th at Ballymena, Co. Antrim, to Shauna (née Fannin) and Tom, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Ghislaine, a sister for Sophie.

ROBYNS - On September 24th at the Wellington Hospital, to Katie (née Etchells) and Felix, a son, Frans Willem David.

RUSHTON - On Thursday September 23rd 1993 at the Royal Berkshire Hospital at 8.55 pm Adam Jonathan was born to Susan (née Butler) and Jonathan.

SHEALY - On September 28th to Elizabeth (née Todd) and Eric, a daughter, Hannah.

STRATTON-CHRISTENSEN - On Tuesday 3rd August at St Mary's, Paddington, London, to Victoria (née Wilkinson) and Justin, a son, Alexander.

WINTERSCHLADEN - On September 27th in Washington DC, to Carmen (née Meyer) and Patrick, a son, Kenneth Hugh.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On Wednesday 29th September, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, Michael Frederick Anderson D.F.C. aged 83, of Pirton, Hitchin, Herts. Beloved husband of Margot and dearly loved father of Fiona, Pattie, Liz and Francis, and devoted grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Pirton, on Monday 4th October at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but if desired, donations for RAF Benevolent Fund c/o Chenery Funeral Services, 44 Bedford Road, Hitchin, Herts. tel: (0462) 434375.

BALLARD - William Fitz Randolph who died peacefully in hospital on September 25th aged 88. Beloved husband of Pamela and much loved father of only son Robert, daughters Jennifer (deceased) and Wendy and 7 grandchildren. Funeral private.

BREACH - Hugh Elliott Captain R.A. retired FCA, beloved father of Richard and Christopher, peacefully on September 23rd at Fenland House Hospital, in his 80th year. Cremation noon on October 4th 1993 Peterborough Crematorium. Flowers to M.J. Claypole, 70 Main Street, Yaxley, Peterborough.

CULNANE - On September 29th peacefully at home, Peter Kevin Terence. No flowers please. Contact T.H. Sanders & Sons (081) 876-4673 re funeral arrangements and donations.

DILL - On 28th September, Major Richard Patrick Gordon of Idlicote, Warwickshire. Much loved husband and father. Funeral family only. Memorial Service to be announced.

FRASER - Shena (see Neame).

GLENAVY - Lady Vivienne Glenavy (née Knight), passed away in Sydney on 27th September 1993, aged 75, of cancer. Leaving her son Charles Sharpe and two granddaughters Kate and Emily.

GOULD - On 26th September 1993, Marion Joan Ferguson (née Fletcher). Wife of the late Joseph Gould, dearly loved mother of Jeremy, mother-in-law of Lynne and grandmother of Joe, James and Poppy. Thanks to all the staff at Barclay Park Nursing Home, Mobberley.

HOLMDEN - On 27th September 1993 peacefully in Hove. Richard aged 85 years. Beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Holmden. Service on Tuesday 5th October. Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, at 3.15 pm. All enquiries to Attree & Kent, 108 Church Road, Hove, tel: (0273) 821985.

HOOPER - On 28th September. Fred Warrington, peacefully at home. Dear Husband of Philippa and father of Julian and Susan. Much loved by family and friends.

HORTON - On September 28th 1993, Eleanor Ursula, peacefully aged 92 years. Funeral Service at Thanet Crematorium, Margate, 12 noon Thursday October 7th.

NEAME - On Tuesday 28th September 1993 at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, after a short illness - Shena Eleanor (née Fraser) of Ospringe, Faversham, beloved mother of Colin, Tessa, Stuart and Roderick and much loved grandmother. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at Ospringe Church on Monday 4th October at 3pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Pilgrims Hospice, 56 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8JY

QUEST - Dr. Ivor Meyer, on September 27th at The Middlesex Hospital, London, aged 68 years. Greatly loved and missed by his wife Sonia, children and grandchildren.

SAVAGE - Peacefully in the Dudley House Nursing Home, London, on 25th September 1993, Dr. Richard Gabriel Akiwande Savage OBE BSc FRCS formerly of Moray Place, Edinburgh and Nigeria, aged 89. Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Tuesday October 5th at 1 pm. Enquiries to Holmes & Sons, Funeral Directors, 92 Whitton Road, Hounslow, tel: (081) 572-3277.

SEWELL-RUTTER - Anne (née Elizabeth Anne Moore) on 26th September peacefully at home, dearly loved wife of Max. Funeral at St Edmund's, The Avenue, Southampton, at 10 am Tuesday 5th October. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Wessex Cancer Trust.

SOUTHGATE - On September 24th, peacefully at Letheringsett Hall Residential Home, Holt, Norfolk, Marion Hope aged 91 years, dearly loved wife of Dr. B.A. Southgate CBE, deceased, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Langham, Norfolk, on Friday October 1st at 12 noon. Flowers to Lloyd Durham Funeral Services, 11A Avenue Road, High Kelling, Holt, Norfolk.

THRALL - Brent Henry (Graduate of Christies Fine Art in London, England; former writer of Chef Showcase; The Toronto Star; graduate of the University of Western Ontario; member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity). At his residence in Toronto, Canada, on Monday September 27th 1993, in his 44th year. Survived by his mother, Coreen Elizabeth Thrall, and predeceased by his father, the late Glen Waldron Thrall. Also survived by John David Edison; Paula Thrall; his sister, Anne, her husband, C.J.B. (Barney) Tracey, and their children, Christopher, Meghan and Mathew. Funeral Services were held at St Thomas' Anglican Church, Toronto, on Wednesday September 29th 1993 at two o'clock. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Casey House Hospice, 9 Huntley Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4Y 2K8. Arrangements under the direction of the "Humphrey Funeral Home - A.W. Miles Chapel", Toronto.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

TAYLOR - The Funeral Service for Dr. Fitz Taylor, formerly of the Institute of Education, University of London, who died on June 15th 1993, will be held at St Bartholomew's Church, St Albans, on Tuesday October 5th at 2 pm. Enquiries to Phillips Funeral Directors (0727) 851006.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

POWELL - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Nicolette Powell will be held at St James's Church, Piccadilly on Monday, 22nd November at 12 noon. There will be a special collection in aid of the restoration of the organ.

SANGSTER - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of John (Jerry) Sangster, who died on Wednesday 8th September 1993, will be held at St Margarets, Lothbury in The City of London, at noon on Monday 18th October 1993.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CARTER - Brian Austen. Remembered with much love by all the family. Always in my heart. Linda.

McCRAKEN - Remembering with love, Jenny McCracken, died 30th September 1983. Forever in our hearts wherever we may be.

MARRIAGES

BROWN:SHIACH - The marriage took place on Friday 24th September 1993 at St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, Edinburgh, between Mr Andrew Brown, son of Professor A.L. Brown of Glasgow and Dr. J Wormald of Oxford, and Miss Alison Shiach, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs G. Shiach of Edinburgh.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

TREHARNE - Cynthia, Tudor, Myles, Jan and Alan, wish to thank their many friends for the messages of sympathy, due to the sudden loss of Stuart, and their kind donations to Boston Hospital.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES BOYDEN

James Boyden, Labour MP for Bishop Auckland from 1959 to 1979, died on September 26 aged 82. He was born on October 19, 1910.



JAMES BOYDEN brought to s career in Parliament a rong background in educa- on when he was returned as abour MP for Bishop Auck- nd in the general election hich ushered in the second onservative administration Harold Macmillan. He had en for some years a school- acher, then Director of Ex- amural Studies at Durham niversity for 12 years and ad, in 1959, just been elected airman of Durham county ducation committee.

When, therefore, Labour on the 1964 election and Harold Wilson became prime inister it seemed natural hat Boyden, a close confi- ante of Mr Wilson, should et an education post in the ew government. Indeed, he as, for the year 1964-65, Joint arliamentary Under-Secre- ary of State in the Depart- nent of Education and cience.

But, though he was regard- d as one of the leading ducationists of his time, his arliamentary career did not by any means develop exclu- sively along educational lines. He spent periods in Public Building and Works, at the Ministry of Defence, and as chairman of the Select Com- mittee of Expenditure. For defence in particular, a war- time RAF career and two years working in training at the Admiralty had given him plenty of experience.

Harold James Boyden was educated at Tiffin Boys' School, Kingston upon Thames, and King's College, London, where he graduated BA in history in 1932. At King's he was president of the Union. After graduating he taught for two years at Henry Mellish Grammar School, be- fore returning to his old school where he taught until 1940. In tandem with these jobs he widened his teaching experi- ence as a lecturer in the extra- mural departments of London, Nottingham and Southampton universities.

From 1940 to 1945 he served in the RAF, rising to the rank of squadron leader in 1944. After the war he was for the two years 1945-47 chief train- ing officer at the Admiralty. In 1947 he became Director of Extra-Mural Studies at Dur- ham University, holding the post until his election as an MP. He became thoroughly immersed in the affairs of Durham. In 1952 he was elected to Durham County Council and was particularly active on its education com- mittee, of which he was vice- chairman, 1957-59. He had become a Durham city and county magistrate in 1951 and was from 1952 to 1959 a visiting magistrate to Durham Prison.

After his election to Parlia- ment he showed himself a strong constituency MP and his maiden speech in the House drew attention to the brutal economic forces operat- ing in Durham at that time, and their grim effect on the morale of the young people of the area. On becoming Under- Secretary of State at the De- partment of Education and Science in 1964, he was in- volved in the formation of the Technology Council, whose role was to be to advise on the application of the "white heat of the technological revolu- tion" to British industry, to which the prime minister was committed.

But Boyden's tenure at the DOS was relatively brief and in 1965 he found himself in the more nuts-and-bolts atmo- sphere of the Ministry of Public Building and Works. Here, however, his education- al background was effective in his often loudly-voiced con- cern that scientific and techno- logical places at colleges and universities were not being filled. He urged better public relations by the higher educa- tion institutions to make sure that potential students under- stood thoroughly what courses were on offer. This was of a piece with his general concern that higher education — par- ticularly technical education — should be much expanded.

At the other pole of his concerns in his new ministry was his robust denunciation of attitudes in the building in- dustry, whose workers he accused of being far too apt to down tools in bad weather. He appointed regional winter building advisers and promot- ed a government "fashion show" of protective items ranging from clothing to on- site huts and caravans, to enable work to continue in all but the severest conditions.

At the MOD, where from 1967 to 1969 he was Parliamen- tary Under-Secretary for the Army, Boyden found himself in the middle of the dichoto- my that faced a Labour gov- ernment of that era — modernisation of the Armed Forces and the expense that involved, versus a socialist administration's fear of being seen to lavish taxpayer's money on weaponry. He knew enough about the workings of the military machine not merely to be a tool of his civil servants. He was a forceful proponent of the notion that Army officers should not be so preponderantly from public schools and that there should be more promotions from the ranks.

After 1969 he had no further employment as a junior minis- ter. But he continued active in Parliament as chairman of the Select Committee of Expendi- ture and through his secre- taryship of the Anglo-French Parliamentary Committee. In his years in the Commons and in education he was respected as a man of integrity and commitment.

His first wife, Emily, died in 1988 and he married, in 1990, Mrs Sue Hay, who survives him.

SURGEON CAPTAIN EDWARD BINGHAM

Surgeon Captain Edward Bingham, CBE, died on September 1 aged 92. He was born in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, on January 2, 1901.

EDWARD BINGHAM, the last surviving holder of a Polar Medal with three clasps, spent almost a third of his professional career in the polar regions participating in three important expeditions.

He graduated in Medicine at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1926, having distinguished himself at both rugby and cricket. However, he wanted to travel and explore and soon after joining the Royal Navy he was attracted by a call for a volunteer to go as medical officer with the Gino Watkin's British Arctic Air Route Expedition to Greenland (1930-31). He was thrilled to be accepted and given leave to go. During the following twelve months he spent two months with Flight-Lieutenant N. H. D'Aeth manning the meteorological station in the centre of the ice-cap at 8,000 ft. Later in the year, together with Alfred Stephenson and Lawrence Wagner, he set out to map the inland border of the East Coast mountains and to attempt the ascent of Mt Forel, at that time thought to be probably the highest mountain in the Arctic. This journey and those to and from the ice cap station were made by dog sledge and gave Bingham an introduction to huskies and dog driving which he was to develop extensively in later years to the advantage of many polar travel- lers.

After a spell of Naval duties between 1931 and 1932 Bingham was appointed to the survey ship HMS Challenger which was to carry out hydrographic surveys off the coast of Labrador and when Challenger returned at the end of the summer of 1933 Bingham stayed for the winter to help Captain Baker with the coast line survey. This involved more dog sledging and getting to know the Labrador huskies and a different method of sledging.

While in Nain in north Labrador Bingham received an offer to join John Rymill (who had been in Greenland with the Watkin's expedition) to join his proposed expedition to the Antarc- tic. Bingham accepted and, the Admi- ralty having approved his appointment, he sledged from Nain to South Labrador and reached the UK in time to join the British Graham Land Expedition (BGLE), which sailed for Port Stanley and the Graham Land Peninsula in the autumn of 1934. The expedition had bought its own ship — a three masted topsail schooner which was skippered by Lieutenant Red Ryder (who later won the VC for his part in the St Nazaire attack).

The topographical object of this expedition was to extend the map of the west coast of what was then known as the Graham Land Peninsula — al- though Lincoln Elsworth and Sir Hubert Wilkins claimed that it was an archipelago separated from the conti- nent by a series of ice-filled straits. The discoveries made by the BGLE proved it was a peninsula. The expedition worked from two bases and the surveys were completed by mapping from the ship, by extensive dog sledge journeys and by aerial reconnaissance using the expedition's Fox Moth flown by W. E. Hampton.

Some of the sledging journeys used four or five sledges each with its team of seven or nine dogs. This meant a lot of training and caring for the dogs — at one time there were over a hundred at the base — which was capably carried out by Bingham.

The last major journey in late 1936 was made by Rymill and Bingham when they crossed Graham Land in latitude 70 degrees south — a survey which, when combined with the other major journeys, finally confirmed the peninsularity of Graham Land.

Bingham loved his dogs and put an immense amount of work into their training and welfare. By now, too, he was a very experienced dog driver — and the skill was invaluable to him when, in 1945 he was appointed to command the newly formed Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey (FIDS).



FIDS was created to continue and expand the work of a small wartime security expedition which had operat- ed in the northern part of the peninsu- la. It was an immense task for Bingham to organise the stores and equipment for the domestic and scien- tific requirements — not to mention arranging for dogs to be bought and transported from Labrador in the immediate postwar conditions. How it was achieved is summarised in a quotation from Sir Vivian Fuch's book Of Ice and Men: "Bingham used his knowledge of how the services worked to pressurise or cajole shocked and reluctant naval store-keepers into giv- ing him what was needed without wasting time going through the nor- mal channels — frequently without the blessing of official sanctions. He always wanted everything 'by this evening please' and was no respecter of regulations which he delighted in ignoring."

In addition to organising the "nuts and bolts" of the venture Bingham had a personnel problem different from that which he had previously experi- enced, where he and his colleagues had progressed together, all learning as they went along. Now he was the only one with polar experience and his fellow explorers were not only new to the Antarctic regions but were mostly ex-service personnel who had held commissioned rank and were accus- tomed to exercising leadership.

However, in 18 months Bingham completed his task admirably and in 1947 he was appointed OBE and given a third clasp to his Polar medal. He was also awarded the Murchison Grant by the Royal Geographical Society.

From 1948 until 1952 Bingham was principal medical officer at the Royal Naval Air Station at Eglinton (near Londonderry) and was promoted cap- tain in 1951. He then served as fleet medical officer in HMS Vanguard, Mountbatten's flag ship in the Medi- terranean command. His final ap- pointment was as principal medical officer at the Royal Naval Air Station at Lee-on-Solent. He retired from the Navy in 1957.

Ted Bingham was a lovable Ulster- man, the son of a well-known head- master of the Dungannong Royal School. He was a great sportsman, distinguishing himself particularly on the rugby field, and was a very keen fisherman.

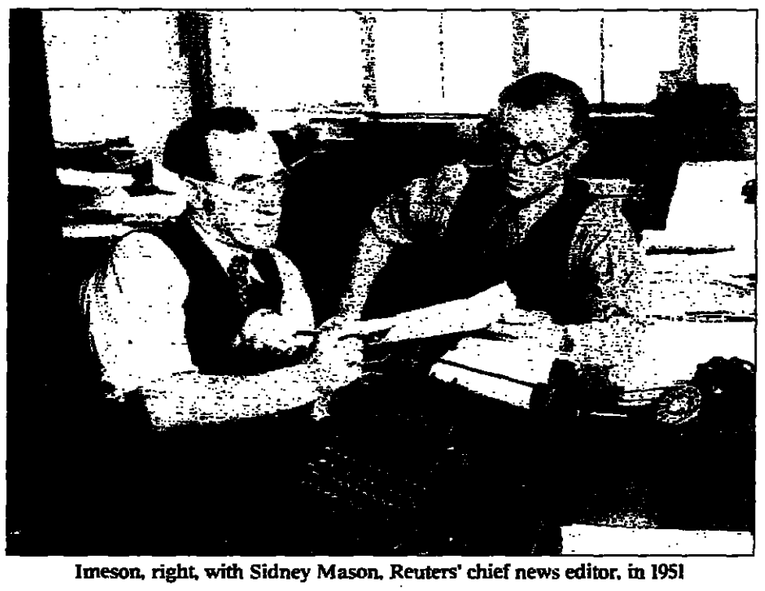
In 1939 he married Constance Irwin who died in 1990; much to their great regret they had no children. He spent his last 25 years in Dorsetshire where he again enjoyed his love for animals by keeping donkeys. He and Con- stance gave unstinting support to many village activities.

GEOFFREY IMESON

John Geoffrey Imeson, foreign correspondent and assistant editor of Reuters, died in Brixham, Devon, on September 21 aged 89. He was born on August 24, 1904.

GEOFFREY IMESON was already an experienced jour- nalist when he joined Reuters in 1931. In that regard he was a rarity, for the agency's au- thoritarian chief, Sir Roderick Jones, liked to recruit gradu- ates from good families with no experience and an amateur view of life. However, Bernard Rickatson-Hatt, the newly ap- pointed editor, recognised that the editorial staff needed to be reinforced by trained journalists and Imeson struck him as "bright and intelligent with good manners".

Imeson was born in London and educated at Magdalen College School whence he won a scholarship to Oxford. Fam- ily finances prevented his tak- ing it up and he joined the Rugby Advertiser as a trainee reporter at 19. Three years later in 1927 after answering an advertisement for "Chief Reporter of a newspaper somewhere east of Suez" he joined the Times of Ceylon. He



Imeson, right, with Sidney Mason, Reuters' chief news editor, in 1951

stayed there four years before leaving to freelance in Ma- laya, China and Manchuria.

He returned to London via Siberia, and joined Reuters as a sub-editor in the Dominion Department. His pay was £4 a week. In 1934 he was assigned briefly to New York before being posted to China as Chief Editor, Far East. He was based in Shanghai but trav- elled widely and was in Peking to cover the Marco Polo Bridge incident which her- alded the start of the Sino- Japanese war. He covered developments for more than six months and managed to overcome communications difficulties. He acquired a low- powered radio transmitter which he hid in his bedroom and secretly sent news mes- sages to Tientsin for relay to Shanghai.

At the end of 1937 Imeson returned to London to become chief sub-editor and was deputy night editor during the London Blitz. Reuters continu- ed to operate from its Fleet Street headquarters through- out the bombing, and he was instrumental in achieving a notable "beat" — the German invasion of Russia on June 22, 1941. The German foreign office had put out a statement — "We are expecting a quiet weekend" — which struck Imeson as disingenuous and he kept one translator, Nina Gee, to monitor German radio. Normally — under a very unlikely "gentlemen's agreement" — both Reuters and the German news agency shut down their monitoring between midnight and 6am to give the translators a rest. His instinct was right, for in the middle of the night she rang to say "Germany has invaded Russia". Imeson put out a worldwide flash, and only after that was he told that all she had heard was a procla- mation from Hitler denounc- ing Soviet policy. In later life he described the beat as "un- deserved" and the ten minutes before it was confirmed as some of the worst in his life.

He was sent to the United States in 1942 and reported from Washington and New York, covering among other stories the Bretton Woods meeting.

Shortly after the Normandy landings, he returned to London as deputy news editor and later became news man- ager. It was in that capacity that he worked with the editor, Tony Cole, and the chief news editor, Sid Mason, to fashion the postwar Reuters editorial output. By the end of the war the agency was performing extremely well, and the team worked to keep up the momen- tum despite the continued shortage of money.

As assistant editor Imeson was a friendly mentor to the graduate trainees who were now being recruited on a more scientific basis than in the 1930s. But by the mid-1950s younger men were challeng- ing and his relaxed style did not suit everyone. In 1959 he was seconded to the Associat- ed Press of Pakistan as editor. He did that very difficult task in Karachi very well — his equable manner was a great asset. Before returning home in 1961 he covered the royal tour of India and Pakistan. That was to be his last reporting assignment, and he spent his last three years before retirement at 60 in- volved in editorial reorgan- isation at head office. Imeson was twice married. His first marriage in Shanghai in 1935 to a White Russian, Ulia, was dissolved. In 1959 he married Hilary Green, who had been a colleague at Reuters. She died in 1988.

BORIS MOISHEZON

Boris Moishezon, Soviet-born mathematician and dissident, died from a heart attack in Leonia, New Jersey, while jogging on August 25 aged 55.

BORIS MOISHEZON's work on complex analytical geome- try and topology established him as a world-class algebraic geometer and, eventually, as a Columbia University pro- fessor.

In Moscow, he worked with the Soviet mathematician Igor Shafarevich at the Steklov Institute of Mathematics, pre- paring notes that later ap- peared as part of Shafarev- ich's 1965 work Algebraic Ge- ometry, which is still consid- ered the standard text in the field.

In the summer of 1972, Moishezon was one of ten Jewish intellectuals who signed a public statement protesting against the high fees the government charged for exit visas — then as much as $25,000 for applicants with graduate degrees. The ten had all applied for emigration to Israel.

After the deaths of 11 Israeli athletes during a terrorist hostage taking at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Moish- ezon organised a public dem- onstration to condemn the killings. He was briefly de- tained by Soviet authorities and lost his research position as a result.

In 1972, the mathematician and his family were granted visas for Israel, where he taught at Tel-Aviv University. In 1977 he moved to the United States, first teaching at the University of Utah and later at Columbia.

In 1989, he published a book that examined competing the- ories on the murder of Tsar Nicholas II and his family at Ekaterinburg in July 1918.

In addition to his wife, Moishezon is survived by a daughter, Hanna, of Tel-Aviv, and a son, Tsvi, of Leonia.

Austregesilo de Athayde

AUSTREGESILO de Athay- de, president of the Brazilian Academy of Letters, died on September 13 aged 94. He was born in northeastern Brazil on September 25, 1898. He wrote 16 books, including a novel and political treatises on Bra- zil's most famous personal- ities. As the president of the Academy of Letters he was well known for his 16-hour work days and his bubbling enthusiasm, despite his ad- vancing years.

Expelled from theological school at 15 for being rebel- lious and reading prohibited authors, he moved to Rio and became a journalist, ultimate- ly becoming director of the Tribuna newspaper. Athayde was a staunch advocate of liberalism and democracy.

Mohamed Aziz Lahbabi

MOHAMED Aziz Lahbabi, a Moroccan writer who was the first Arab writer to be nomi- nated for a Nobel Prize, has died in Rabat aged 70.

Lahbabi published numer- ous philosophical and literary works in Arab and French that were later translated into oth- er languages. Among them are Realistic Personalism, Muslim Personalism, Liberty or Liberation and The World of Tomorrow.

He was the first Arab candi- date when he was nominated for a Nobel prize in 1987; the following year, Egypt's Neguib Mahfouz received the Nobel which had eluded him.

Lahbabi was a former presi- dent of Morocco's Union of Writers and taught at the University of Rabat.

POPE JOHN PAUL DIES SUDDENLY AFTER REIGN OF 33 DAYS

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Sept 29

John Paul lay on his catafalque this morning suddenly serious in death, with his red shoes scarcely showing any signs of wear. He had been Pope hardly more than a month.

His pontificate was not only the shortest for centuries but also the most perplexing. His election on August 26 was a surprise: much less his difficulties in attempting with a constantly brave smile to apply his experience as a pastor in north-east Italy to the requirements of this supreme office.

His death was so unexpected that he was lifeless in his bed for about six hours before his secretary discovered the reason why he had failed to go to the private chapel this morning to say Mass.

His election had been extraordinarily quick and so there was some reason at least to feel that the Roman Catholic Church was clear about the type of Pope it wanted. They thought they had found, in the words today of Cardinal Benelli, who was said to have strongly supported the late Pope's can- didature, "the right man at the right moment, suitable for the times. And now, suddenly this happens."

What happened was a heart attack around 11 o'clock (local time) last night when the Pope was reading in bed. He is said to have had near him Thomas à Kempis's Imitation of Christ. His light was still on when he was found dead at about 5.30 this morning.

He was known to be somewhat frail. He had had a hard childhood and had twice been treated for tuberculosis. At his last public audience on Wednesday he told the crowds that he had been eight times in hospitals and had had four operations. But he gave no impression of ailing.

On that occasion he was elated as usual, smiling broadly when he spoke to a boy in the fifth form of elementary school. Totally unlike his immediate predecessor, Paul VI, he liked to joke, to smile a great deal and to recount experiences with total informality from his childhood and his long career as a pastor.

He was serious on questions of discipline: he firmly warned his Rome diocese against liturgical innovation and rejected identifica- tion of Christian social ethics with left-wing theories in his deprecating phrase: "Where Lenin is there is Jerusalem."

But he was equally serious about the abundance still of human goodness in the world and refused to accept that there was nothing but violence and social disintegra- tion. Perhaps his most memorable remark was his plea for contagious Christian goodness.

Rome was in many ways alien to him and he was, in his own words, a beginner in dealing with the problems of the Church's central government. But he had already won a combination of popularity and curiosity from ordinary people, happy to listen to a man of transparent goodness.

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☐ The YHA (0727 855215) offers vegetarian meals at most of its 240 hostels throughout England and Wales. To celebrate Vegetarian Week next month, three hostels are featuring special weekends. The Lynton, Devon, and Minehead, Somerset, weekends on October 15-17 cost £45 per person including meals, accommodation and free membership of the YHA. Holly How hostel, in the Lake District, has its vegetarian weekend on October 22-24 and the price is £43 including a four-course dinner on Saturday night.

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Angkor rises from war's ruin

By James Pringle

Angkor, Cambodia

KING Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia, who was re-crowned last week, is expected to move quickly to see that Angkor, the ancient seat of the country's monarchs, becomes the premier tourist destination in Asia.

"Angkor is regarded as one of the seven wonders of the modern world," said a tourism official in Phnom-Penh yesterday. "Cambodia badly needs revenue to develop after years of war, and it is time Angkor became the attraction it was in the 1960s."

It is thought unlikely that the Khmer Rouge will again attack Siem Reap, the town adjacent to the ruins, where Sihanouk retains a royal residence. Even they acknowledge the newly-crowned king as Cambodia's head of state.

Recently, because of fears of a Khmer Rouge attack, the dozens of square miles of exquisitely built temples, with their carvings of ancient gods and angels, have been virtually deserted. However, it is now safe to visit Angkor, which was built between the 8th and 13th centuries.

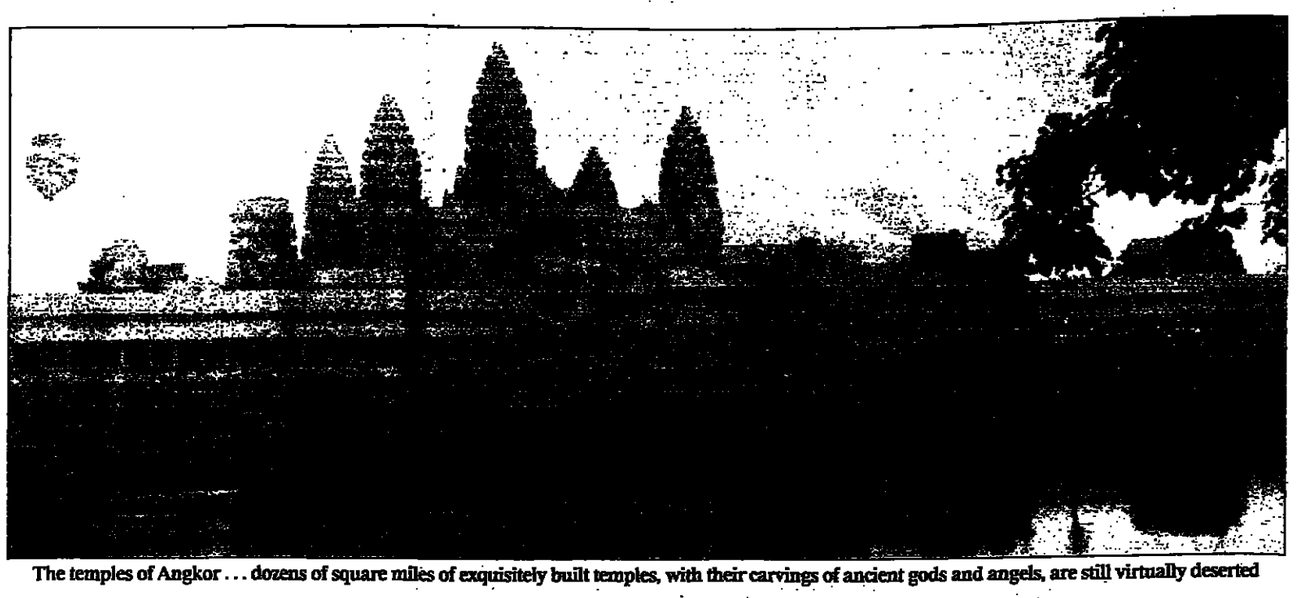
Though a number of new Thai-financed hotels have sprung up in the past year, lodging is available at the venerable colonial Grand Hotel D'Angkor, in the centre of Siem Reap. Lunch is served by an elderly French-speaking waiter who survived the Khmer Rouge "killing fields" period.

If the visitor wants to meet UN military personnel, now being phased out, a lively pub appropriately named The Minefield is within walking distance. Deactivated land mines are displayed on the walls.

The best guide to Angkor is Mr Huy My who, no matter how often he conducts visitors round, is as enthusiastic as if showing the temples off for the first time. He knows where to clamber over fallen masonry into dark passageways to see particularly beautiful carvings undiscovered by robbers.

Mr Huy My will also take visitors to see sunrise or sunset at Angkor and will stay until the moon is up — a magical sight. He will go to some of the outlying temples such as Ta Phrom, which has been left much as it was, jungle creepers intermingling with the ruins as they were when first rediscovered by the French naturalist Henri Mouhot in 1860.

Diethelm Travel Bangkok (Bangkok 2560329) has four-day excursions from Bangkok to Angkor via Phnom Penh for £921 per person, including a Cambodian visa. But British tourists travelling alone can do it far cheaper. The round trip Bangkok-Phnom Penh air fare is £181, with £68 for Phnom Penh-Siem Reap return (visa £13 at Phnom Penh airport). A car to tour the temples is £13 per day, the guide £7 and the entrance fee £19.



The temples of Angkor . . . dozens of square miles of exquisitely built temples, with their carvings of ancient gods and angels, are still virtually deserted

Britain sceptical over open skies

BRITISH airlines gave a lukewarm welcome this week to a pledge by the European competition commissioner that there would be no going back on plans for "open skies" within the community. *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Karel Van Miert ruled out any further subsidies for Europe's ailing state-owned carriers. "There is no question of back-tracking and I've made that plain. What some of the airlines are after apparently is a price cartel and that we cannot and will not allow."

He was, however, only speaking on behalf of one department within the commission. Britain's airlines had achieved an unprecedented united front in demanding an end to any further state aid for loss-making airlines such as Iberia, Sabena, Air France, Aer Lingus and TAP. But they were bracing themselves for many further battles from other sections within the community before they achieved their aim.

If the full council is finally persuaded to force the subsidised airlines to stand alone, British carriers such as BA and Virgin stand to dominate intra-European services through much lower costs and therefore lower fares.

Three tiers for the French

By Tony Rocca

THE French ministry of transport this week praised the results of an 18-month experiment in controlling road traffic with a differential toll pricing system. The results of the tests, which will be introduced throughout France, could have a significant influence on Britain's proposals to introduce road tolls.

After testing a three-tier system of tolls for the same journey at different times, the ministry has ordered immediate plans for its introduction nationwide.

The move could mean huge increases in the cost of car journeys for unlucky drivers caught in a time-zone trap.

Premium pricing at rush hours was first introduced on a 30 kilometre stretch of the A1 autoroute between Senlis and Paris, on Sunday evenings only. Instead of the normal £1.04, drivers paid £1.62 between 5 and 10pm — designated "periode rouge". From 1-3pm and after 11pm (periode verte) the tariff fell to only 46p. The old toll remained at other times (periode blanche).

The idea was extended this summer to include the days of mass holiday migration when the Senlis choke-point — the most congested stretch of motorway in France, where 6,500 vehicles an hour regularly clog the system designed to carry 4,500 — becomes solid with southbound traffic.

It was stunningly effective, according to a joint survey by the two private motorway companies responsible for the immediate region.

Parisians certainly noticed the difference on the two peak holiday "departure" weekends this summer, with much lighter traffic both on the A1 and on the capital's infamous Périphérique. However, peak "return" weekends were as blocked as ever — because no such flexible tolls were demanded in the northbound direction, says the ministry.



More companies are catering for the young skier

Slip off with the children

By Graham Duffill

TOUR operators and ski companies are targeting children's skiing this year, with most offering crèches and nannies in some of their resorts.

Annie Constantinou, of the chalet specialist Bladon Lines, says: "Our typical skier has two children. Unless you provide a service for a whole family, you have lost the booking."

Bladon Lines offers a full crèche and nanny service in only one of its resorts, Val d'Isère, France. It employs qualified British nannies and accepts children from nine months to six years for a weekly charge of £100.

Its sister company, Ski West, provides a free nanny service in Verbier, Switzerland, Meribel and Courchevel in France. The one nanny based in each resort will pick up children from ski school, feed them and take them back to ski school, or entertain them for the afternoon in one of the chalets.

Ski Scott Dunn employs three qualified British nannies in Courchevel and gives the guarantee that one nanny will look after no more than two infants under two years old. From ages two to five it allows a ratio of four children to each nanny and from six to eight a maximum of five children. The cost per week is £175, £135 and £95 respectively.

Bob Moore, of Ski Esprit, which began offering nanny services 11 years ago, is suspicious of the trend. "Everyone is climbing onto the bandwagon this year. Only a small number are doing it properly and a lot of others are just adding it on," Mr Moore says.

Ski Esprit, which goes to eight resorts in France and Switzerland, employs qualified British nannies in all resorts and guarantees maximum ratios of one nanny to three children aged under two years, up to five children provided no more than two of them are under two years old and up to six children if they are all aged over two years. Five days in a crèche costs £85 for two years and above and £95 for under two years.

Ski Hillwood provides holidays only in Hopfgarten, near Kitzbuhel in Austrian Tirol, which it feels is suitable for a children's ski resort, with lifts and nursery slopes close to the village centre. The company also has a children's equipment hire shop at Hopfgarten.

● *Bladon Lines: 081-785 3131. Ski Scott Dunn: 081-767 0202. Ski Esprit: 0252 616789. Ski Hillwood: 081-866 9993.*

'Dream' campaign from BA

By Harvey Elliott

BRITISH Airways yesterday launched a major campaign to win thousands of business travellers with "the world's biggest sales drive".

More than 2,500 staff — including directors, pilots, engineers and secretaries — have been drafted in to "blitz" 15,000 travel agents in more than 75 countries to promote the campaign. BA hopes it will bring in an additional £100 million in revenue.

Central to the promotion is the "Dream Ticket" — a chance for business travellers to collect half the Air Miles needed for a return trip to a dream destination.

Until the end of March next year, a traveller, making a return BA flight on which they would normally earn Executive Club Air Miles, can collect half the Air Miles needed to fly to a dream destination on top of their usual allocation. For example, it would usually take six Club World flights from London to New York to earn enough Air Miles for a trip to Australia. With the Dream Ticket, it would take three.

"We are one of the few airlines in the world to remain profitable," Robert Ayling, the airline's group managing director, says. "The world business travel market is still suffering from depression, although there is evidence of green shoots in some areas. We can either sit it out or do something positive to get people moving again. We've decided to do something."



Robert Ayling: sales drive

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Delays hamper le Shuttle pricing

■ The tunnel operators are having to delay sales through tour operators

HOLIDAYMAKERS planning to head for France and the Continent next summer still have no indication of how much it will cost to travel there via the Channel tunnel. *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Although the tunnel officially opens in May, tour operators have not been able to include the cost of the journey in their brochures because of a continuing dispute between the tunnel operators and the manufacturers of the train rolling stock.

Instead, 350 tour operators, whose brochures are now being printed, have only included prices for crossing the channel by sea.

The operators of le Shuttle, which will run single and double-deck trains, say they are unsure how much capacity they will have available and, until they do, it is impossible to price the cost.

"While Eurotunnel is taking delivery of double-deck and single-deck shuttles at its Calais terminal, the dispute between TML and Bombardier, the sub-contractor building the car passenger shuttles, has not been settled," a spokesman for le Shuttle said. "As a result, we cannot guarantee the frequency of our service for summer 1994 and we delaying sales through tour operators until autumn next year."

In the meantime, Le Shuttle has asked tour operators not to include the tunnel in its 1994 brochures.

A return journey for a car and four people is expected to be £150, but the detailed prices will not be know until the end of December at least.

"We are putting it back to January to give us more time," Neil Cooper, general sales manager of le Shuttle, said. "We don't know exactly the frequency and capacity we will have because we don't know the build-up of delivery from Bombardier."

With 2.6 million people buying a package holiday to France last year, however, le Shuttle risks losing considerable business from tour operators.

At the same time, the ferry companies are stepping up the battle for custom, both with the channel tunnel and among themselves. P&O European Ferries has released fares for 1994 showing price cuts of 23 per cent on the prime Dover-Calais route with a lead-in price of £154 for a car and passengers.

Its archrival, Stena Sealink, has announced that it is putting on a fifth ship on the Dover-Calais route next summer. "It is going to be a straight head-to-head battle with P&O next year," a Stena spokesman said. "We are raising the temperature on the Dover-Calais route."

The government has repeatedly ruled out appeals from Stena and P&O to be allowed to pool services on the route.

Stena will operate 25 crossings a day in the peak period, the same as P&O, while rival Hoverspeed will run 20 crossings. It means a capacity of 100,000 passengers and 35,000 cars a day on the route.

The Channel tunnel still promises peak departures every 15 minutes.

• Sunshine State's charm offensive • Overloaded Ireland • Seychelles targets greens

Florida fights to keep its Brit appeal

BY DAVID CHURCHILL AND CHRIS LOCKWOOD

Senior representatives of Florida's tourism industry are in London today to launch a "charm offensive" after the spate of violence against tourists in America's Sunshine State and growing fears of a collapse in the number of visitors. Even before the murder earlier this month of a British tourist near Tallahassee — the ninth foreign tourist to be killed in Florida this year — the tourism chiefs had planned the meeting with British journalists to counter fears of violence.

The latest murder has reinforced the need to inform and reassure the British public and travel trade about holidays in Florida. "We did consider scrapping the media mission," says a spokesman for the Florida Division of Tourism spokesman in London. "But we decided it was important to get our message across."

Florida is by far the favourite long-haul destination for Britons on holiday — it attracted a record 1.1 million Britons last year as a result of the pre-devaluation strength of sterling against the dollar.

The Florida representatives at today's meetings will emphasise that according to Interpol figures, Britons are 79 times more likely to face crime in their own country than in Florida. Only one in every 1,000 of Florida's 40.5 million visitors from within the US and from abroad last year was reported to have experienced any crime while in the state.

The officials will describe the safety measures under way on both sides of the North Atlantic. In Florida, extra police and state officials have been drafted in.

The Florida mission aims to generate tourist awareness of other — and possibly safer — parts of the state than the crime-ridden areas of Miami and Orlando. Florida, nearly the size of England, believes that it has a lot more to offer British tourists than merely Miami and Disney World.

A German holidaymaker was also killed in Miami earlier this month and a couple from New York were fired at in their car this week, so Florida's tourism officials are well aware that the latest spate of violence against tourists has come as the British love affair with Florida may be ending.

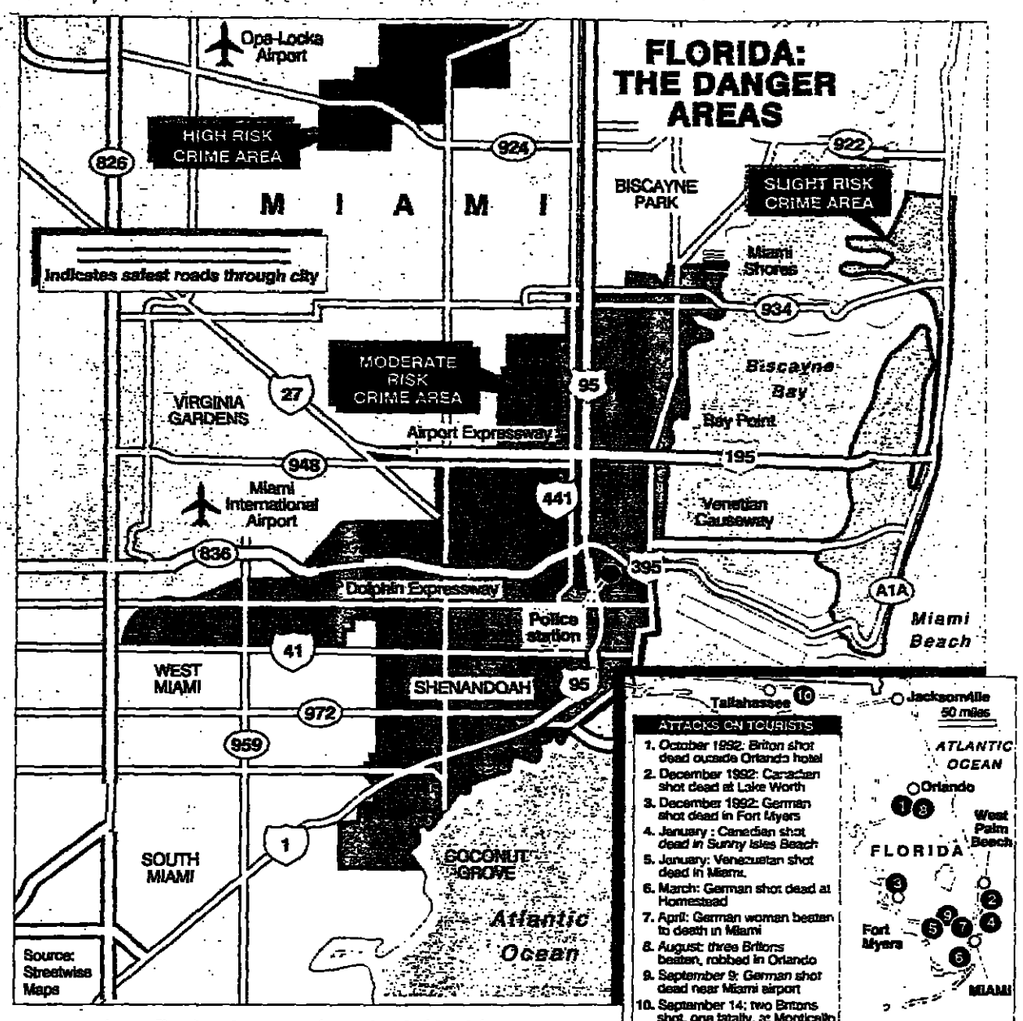
According to travel agents and tour operators, few Britons have decided to cancel or change their holidays since the latest murder. Some, however, have decided to make minor changes: the specialist operator Jetsave, for example, says it has had increased requests for transfers to be arranged between airport and hotel instead of taking the option of a free hire car.

Alan Rogers, sales director for Ultimate Holidays, a Florida specialist, also points out that although the statistics on crime are correct, "nobody believes them and the actual fear in the British market is very real". Ultimate for the past year has offered only rental cars with no identifying features, which it delivers to holidaymakers' hotels rather than leaving for the clients to pick up. A 10 per cent drop in visitor numbers from Britain this year and a similar fall in 1994 is predicted, and the trade believes the Florida boom days are over. The main reason is the dollar's strength, but it is also being seen as a result of the maturity of the market as holidaymakers who have seen the main Florida sights seek out other US destinations. Ian Morrison, the managing director of Jetlife Holidays, believes that Florida is due for an "unfashionable" year. "People on a first time trip to the states will always seek out New York, Florida and Los Angeles, but Florida, I think, has lost some of its novelty," he says.

"However, America is big enough to absorb the impact of problems in one state or another and has enough variety to continue to qualify as a No 1 option for the British market." A holiday programme is being devised with Continental Airlines — which recently came out of Chapter Eleven financial protection — to attract Britons to some of America's lesser-known destinations in 1995.

Jackson Hole in Wyoming, for example, is being targeted as a fresh destination. The town, a winter resort near Yellowstone Nationoal Park, is also a true cowboy town but with modern facilities.

Florida, however, is unlikely to remain complacent about the lost tourism potential. Its worldwide advertising campaign, having been halted in the wake of the latest tourist shooting, is expected to resume next month.



TRAVELOGS

Businessmen get on their bikes

BUSINESSMEN who need to reach Heathrow *really* quickly can now travel from the centre of London by motorbike. A motorcycle chauffeur service was introduced last week by Virgin Atlantic, promising a half-hour journey between the city centre and airport.

Each "Taxijet" is fitted with heated leather seats, a portable telephone, storage space for a small suitcase, and comes with weatherproof clothing for the passenger. The service is available to all Upper Class passengers departing or arriving at Heathrow for Virgin's New York, Los Angeles and Tokyo services.

Breath of fresh air

BROWN'S HOTEL, founded in 1837 when it was purchased for £3,000 by a former butler of Lord Byron, has finally emerged from its scaffolding cocoon after a two-year refurbishment costing £6 million. The hotel, which comprises 11 adjoining Georgian builings running between Dover St and Albemarle St in London's Mayfair, has now been fitted with air conditioning in all rooms.

Snow safety control

THE Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO) has called for better controls to ensure ski safety for this winter. Vigilant piste controls and lift attendants prepared to deter reckless skiers were requested by the tour operators, who take 230,000 skiing each year. The majority of the 37 ski companies that belong to AITO also feel that piste regulation is needed. Last year a pilot project with weekend piste patrolmen was set up in the Tyrol, and is likely to be continued.

Launching a new link

CALEDONIAN MacBrayne, the ferry operator which links 23 of Scotland's west coast islands to the mainland with the help of a £7.2 million state subsidy, has commissioned a £15 million ferry for Stornoway. The contract was awarded last week to Ferguson shipbuilders on the Lower Clyde. The 96-metre, roll-on, roll-off vessel will make four trips a day carrying 1,000 passengers and 140 cars and come into operation in September 1995. It will replace the existing ferry, Suliven, which is 20 years old and which can carry only 400 passengers and 80 cars in its two daily trips between Stornoway and the mainland.

Going for a song

STRING quartets from America, Switzerland, Romania, the Czech and Slovak republics and France are performing at a music festival in the churches of six pretty "perched" villages in the south of France this month. All the villages are within an hour's drive of Nice airport; at Fayence, their centre, the British-owned Moulin de la Camandoule (Tel: 010-33 9476 0084) is offering a 10 per cent discount on demi-pension rates to music-lovers staying the course, from October 22 to 27.

Satellite snapshots

A SATELLITE communications system, Eutelsat, is enabling coach companies to keep a close eye on their fleet throughout Europe and parts of the Middle East. The system provides a snapshot of the whereabouts of entire fleets or individual vehicles to within 300 yards. Alcatel Network Systems, which launched the system last week, claims potential safety benefits through being able to pinpoint accidents.

Isles count the cost

THE oil spill from the tanker Braer, which occured off Shetland in January, has hit tourism so badly that it could cost the local economy £25 million in lost revenue over the next five years. The cost to tourism this year has been £1.7 million, excluding airline and ferry losses, and is expected to grow next year.

France on track for two new TGV lines

THE French government has given approval for work to start on two new TGV lines, opening the way to the next phase in its plan to create an express rail network that will be the envy of the world. *Harvey Elliott writes.*

The final section of the TGV Nord-Europe high speed line opened this week between Arras and Lille, cutting the 176-mile journey between Paris and Lille to one hour.

By the end of the decade, the two new lines — TGV Est and the TGV Mediterranée — should have shrunk the map even further. Metz or Nancy will be within 90 minutes of Paris, a journey of more than 200 miles; Marseille and Montpellier, 480 miles from the capital, will be three hours away.

The key to the masterplan is a 60-mile ring rail skirting Paris to the east, due to open next year. This will create an integrated TGV network connecting North, Atlantic, East and Mediterranean services, with new interchanges at Charles de Gaulle airport and Euro Disney.

For the first time, travellers will be able to change trains without having to switch terminals in the capital. SNCF will be able to run through-trains across France avoiding the centre of Paris: London to Nice, for instance, should be possible in less than seven hours.

'Too many' tourists ruin Ireland's charm

BY JOHN YOUNG

TOURIST saturation — where the benefits from visitors' spending are outweighed by congestion and environmental damage — could soon be reached in Ireland.

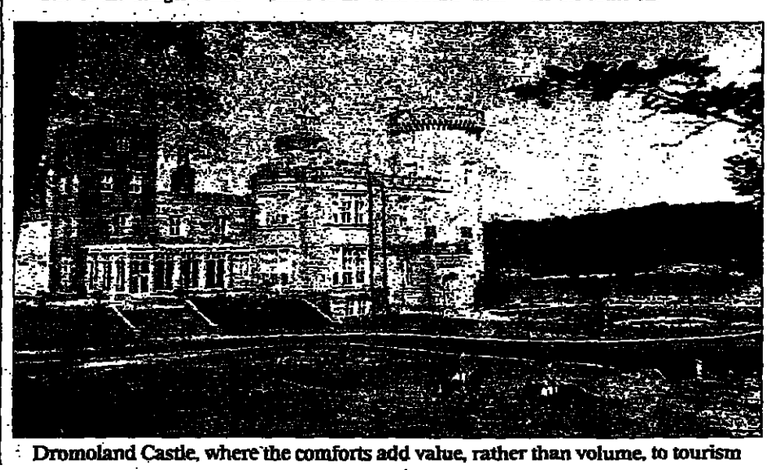
Geoff Parkinson, of Horwath Consulting UK, told a conference at Dromoland Castle, County Clare, last week that the number of visitors to Ireland had increased from 2.1 million in 1987 to more than 3.1 million in 1992. That was short of the government's target of 4.2 million but, considering recession and the setback caused by the Gulf war, it was astonishingly good progress. Or was it?

"One of the images of Ireland is of friendly, hospitable people," he said. "When these people become tourist averse — because of the congestion, the dilution of the 'Irishness' of Ireland, the replacement of green land with car and caravan parks, hamburger bars and souvenir shops — tourism has then itself destroyed the image and attributes it came to enjoy. The friendly, hospitable people will be no more."

Ireland had not yet reached that point but, with a population of 3.5 million, there was a need for caution. If its attractive image was to be preserved, the increase in tourism must be in value rather than volume. The venue for the conference illustrated that point well.

Dromoland, the former home of the O'Briens, heads of one of the great Irish clans, has been beautifully restored, and the panelled hall, staircase and dining room which are warmed by open log fires, together with memorable cuisine and attentive service, combine to give visitors the feeling of being guests in a grand country house.

That feeling is reinforced by the castle's setting in 400 acres of wooded parkland. But with room rates starting at £110 a night, Dromoland is strictly for the better off.



Dromoland Castle, where the comforts add value, rather than volume, to tourism

Gatwick's future under a cloud

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

GATWICK, struggling to maintain its position as one of the top five international airports, suffered a double blow this week when Virgin Atlantic and Emirates transferred services to Heathrow.

The number of aircraft movements at Gatwick is now falling and passenger through-put — 21 million per year at its peak — is down to 19.8 million, despite sharp growth at Heathrow and other airports.

Gatwick is to market itself thoughout Europe and America to win back its share of the market. But Airlines are increasingly regarding Heathrow as the main "hub" from which they must operate if they are to provide the necessary number of inter-connecting flights to make a profit.

Cathay Pacific pulled out of London's second airport earlier this month, switching all its services to Heathrow. Emirates' move follows a marketing arrangement with United Airlines to link its flights from Dubai into United's departures to the United States.

Virgin, meanwhile, said that it would move its only short-haul service, operating between London and Athens, to Heathrow.

Although the moves are a blow to plans to turn Gatwick into one of the biggest scheduled airport hubs in the world, they could be overshadowed by the outcome of talks taking place between Britain and America over the further liberalisation of transatlantic services. Four American carriers who fly to Gatwick have expressed an intention to move to Heathrow.

"If they were allowed to go into Heathrow it would not only be of concern to us, it would create enormous problems for Heathrow which is already bursting at the seams," Allan Munds, Gatwick's managing director, said.

Seychelles tries to preserve 'paradise'

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

■ The Seychelles government is out to safeguard the islands' environment

THE Seychelles, the paradise islands in the Indian Ocean, this week marked World Tourism Day with promises to contain development and to incorporate conservation measures into its new constitution. As residents adjust to the country's new multi-party system, introduced in 1992 following the first elections in more than 15 years, the government plans to educate local people on the need to safeguard natural heritage. The ministry of tourism is limiting the number of hotels and guesthouses built over the next five years to 4,800 rooms.



Monica Chetty: concern

The move has angered some Seychellois, who are keen to exploit the potential to make money far above the average wage by providing accommodation to visitors.

This week's theme: "Tourism and the Environment — Towards a Lasting Harmony" reflects government fears that unplanned coastline development will destroy the islands' peace and quickly exhaust tourism potential.

Monica Chetty, the director-general of tourism, said: "We took stock of hotel development and concluded that there are very few remaining tourism sites on the three most developed islands — Mahe, Praslin and La Digue. By law we must preserve 42 per cent of the natural environment, and will now place greater emphasis on specialist holidays like ornithology."

Therese Lablanche, a tourism development representative, said: "Visitors complain when new hotels spring up, but local people want the extra revenue." With tourism accounting for 30 per cent of gross domestic product, Mrs Chetty is wary of mistakes that could have a long-term effect on the economy. She is asking the government for £7.8 million to finance television advertising in Europe next September, aimed at "green" tourists.

Two Unesco World Heritage Sites — the Vallée de Mai, Praslin and Aldabra atoll — are under legal protection, and islands set aside as wildlife reserves allow only day-tripping tourists. The local diving association plans to place mooring buoys on 24 of the most popular diving sites, to avoid coral damage by anchors.

By the end of the year, the government will have banned the killing of Hawksbill turtles and the sale of tortoiseshell products. But Betty Beckett, a local guide, said: "The legislation is not always observed. Fishermen still hunt turtles, which can bring in many times their ordinary wage."

Mrs Chetty says: "Many locals have always sold tortoiseshell and dropped litter, and now we need to persuade them that conservation is in their interests."

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John Smith just inches to safety

■ John Smith scraped to a narrow but precious victory in his battle to reform Labour's links with the trade unions.

The Labour leader, staring defeat in the face at lunchtime, was last night celebrating triumph after Labour's sixth largest union threw him an unexpected lifeline and conference delegates were swayed by a barnstorming closing speech in his support from John Prescott..... **Pages 1, 2, 12**

Fuel VAT opposed by 92 per cent

■ Ninety-two per cent of the population oppose the imposition of VAT on home heating bills, rising to 99 per cent in Scotland, a MORI poll for *The Times* has found. The extent of public hostility to the new tax was revealed as Conservative politicians were divided over hints from Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that he will extend VAT to zero-rated goods ..... **Page 1**

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PETER TREVINOR



Mike Maunder of Kew with one of the world's rarest plants, *cafe marron* of Mauritius, which has legendary healing powers. **Page 2**

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The Clintons are professional politicians all the time and to the last degree: they are people who would never turn down a good photo call, even at a stranger's wedding. Their continual political campaigning is now paying off..... **Page 18**

HOWARD DAVIES

The Chancellor is right to say that the balance of taxation should shift towards taxes on spending and consumption. But that does not mean that VAT should rise or be extended in November, a highly risky move given the fragile state of the recovery..... **Page 18**

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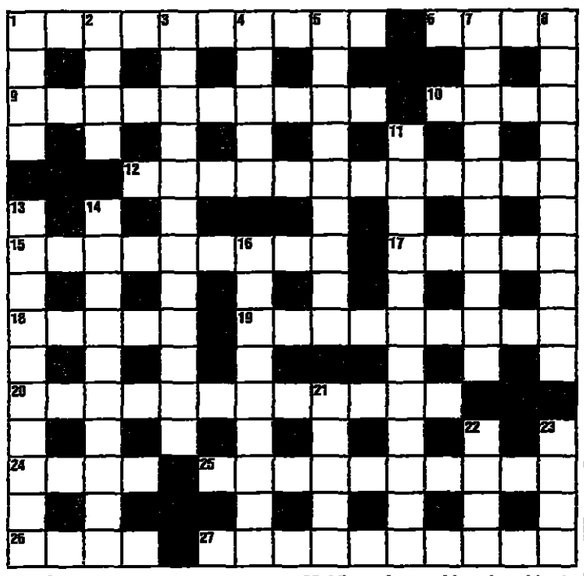
An Englishman puts the case for staying in the US..... **Page 19**

DIARY

President Clinton insisted he supports the idea of peace-keeping. Yet his conditions are so weighty ... that it makes you wonder whether he is answering public anxieties to the point of ruling out any mission at all — *The Washington Post*

Washington never offered to rebuild the Somalian nation - that's not what troops do or what the commitment was about. Before long, our soldiers should come home and leave nation-building to the UN — *The Los Angeles Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,349



ACROSS

1 Noisy accompaniment for a reel (5-5).
6 Cursing the odds in England (4).
9 How female retains seat, as parties become confused (4-6).
10 Brilliant stroke from all-rounder in sporting contest (4).
12 This event could make road ace fortune (4,2,6).
15 *Constable's work is so striking* (9).
17 Musician's very inconclusive attack (5).
18 Ruff with king found in pack (5).
19 Cutting tax rate, initially, with delight (9).
20 Aggressive response in bar, with swearing (12).
24 Russian ruler I sported leading front line (4).
25 Like a host subjected to bloodthirsty attack (4-6).
26 Dark horse among political leaders (4).
27 Change to graph, say, for mathematician (10).

DOWN

1 Tolerable repeat of sound broadcast (2-2).
2 *Open mid-June festivity* (4).
3 Dreadfully sad once I lost? (12).
4 Extra condition for competitor in race (5).
5 Associate in business left a long way below (9).
7 New song with drum, with an expert aiming for perfect pitch (10).
8 Express disapproval about one lower in value (10).
11 Dame selecting actors for variety entertainment (12).
13 Exultant celebration from scene of investment, we hear (10).
14 Jointly divided, so to speak? Clearly (10).
16 Mutual activity reformulating party line (9).
21 Lead for boxer in role as heavyweight (5).
22 Wake up in jail (4).
23 Obligation we're under, apparently (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,348

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WEATHER

Most of the country will have a dull wet start to the day, although northern Scotland will be dry for a time, and southwest England will be brighter and showery. Drier and brighter weather will spread to much of England and Wales. In Northern Ireland rain will turn showery in the afternoon, while Scotland will be generally dull and wet, with the rain spreading to the north. Outlook: unsettled with rain or showers in most places.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; b=bright

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	20	68	c	Malaga	21	70	s
Alicante	27	81	s	Malta	22	72	f
Alexandria	26	82	s	Melbourne	21	70	c
Algiers	25	77	s	Miami*	28	82	t
Amsterdam	15	59	s	Milan	16	61	s
Athens	27	81	s	Montreal*	15	59	f
Bahrain	34	93	s	Moscow	1	34	c
Bangkok	31	88	t	Munich	9	48	c
Barcelona	27	70	s	Nairobi	24	75	s
Beirut	26	79	s	Naples	21	70	c
Belgrade	17	63	t	N Delhi	32	90	s
Berlin	14	57	s	N York*	18	64	s
Biarritz	19	66	c	Nice	18	64	s
Borde'x	18	64	f	Oslo	13	55	s
Brussels	16	61	s	Paris	16	61	f
Budapst	11	52	r	Peking	23	73	s
B Aires*	9	48	r	Perth	14	57	r
Cairo	31	88	s	Prague	13	55	c
Chicago*	13	55	r	Reykjavik	8	46	r
Ch'church	16	61	s	Rhodes	27	81	s
Cologne	16	61	s	Rio de J	23	73	f
C'phagn	13	55	f	Riyadh	38	100	s
Corfu	22	72	f	Rome	21	70	r
Dublin	12	54	r	Salzburg	9	48	r
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	S F'isco*	19	66	s
Faro	19	66	f	Santiago*	18	64	f
Florence	17	63	f	S Paulo*	21	70	s
Frankfurt	15	59	s	Seoul	20	68	c
Funchal	24	75	f	Sing'por	29	84	t
Geneva	11	52	f	St'kholm	12	54	f
Gibraltar	22	72	s	Strasb'rg	12	54	c
Helsinki	7	45	s	Sydney	27	81	s
Hong K	29	84	c	Tangier	21	70	s
Innsbruck	11	52	f	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Istanbul	26	77	s	Tenerife	22	73	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	24	75	c
Jo'burg*	24	75	s	Tunis	24	75	f
L Palmas	23	73	f	Valencia	25	77	s
La Toquet	14	57	f	Vanc'ver*	18	64	s
Lisbon	18	64	f	Venice	18	61	sr
Locarno	17	63	s	Vienna	11	52	c
L Angels*	27	81	s	Warsaw	9	48	s
Luxmbg	13	55	s	Wash'ton*	19	66	s
Luxor	37	99	s	Wel'ngton	14	57	s
Madrid	20	68	f	Zurich	14	57	s
Majorca	23	73	f				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 64 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.1in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1 007.8 millibars, falling
1 000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon, 18C (64F). lowest day max: Kenley, Surrey, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Margate, Kent, 0.58in, highest sunshine: Wick, northern Scotland, and Kinloss, Moray Firth, 10.9hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F), min 6pm to 6am, 4C (39F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.13in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3hr

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.5	-	12	54	sunny
Anglesey	8.5	-	15	59	bright
Aviemore	9.9	-	13	55	sunny
Belfast	-	0.01	12	54	rain
Bognor Regis	0.1	0.13	13	55	cloudy
Bristol	4.0	-	15	59	sunny
Buxton	5.8	-	12	54	bright
Cardiff	6.1	-	16	61	bright
Clacton	-	0.32	10	50	rain
Colwyn Bay	7.9	-	15	59	sunny
Eastbourne	-	0.29	11	52	rain
Edinburgh	7.0	-	13	55	sunny
Eskdalemuir	5.3	-	12	54	sunny
Exmouth	2.7	-	16	61	cloudy
Falmouth	2.0	0.05	16	61	rain
Folkestone	-	0.33	11	52	rain
Glasgow	4.5	-	14	57	sun
Guernsey	4.9	0.06	16	61	bright
Hastings	-	0.26	11	52	rain
Hunstanton	-	0.26	11	52	rain
Isle of Man	4.9	-	14	57	bright
Jersey	0.9	0.04	16	61	shower
Kinloss	10.9	-	14	57	sunny
Leeds	2.5	-	13	55	bright
Lerwick	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Liverpool	7.6	-	14	57	sunny
London	-	0.32	11	52	rain
Lowestoft	-	0.37	13	55	rain
Manchester	7.5	-	14	57	sunny
Margate	-	0.58	11	52	rain
Morecambe	9.1	-	13	55	sunny
Newcastle	-	-	11	52	rain
Newquay	3.1	0.08	16	61	rain
nottingham	2.0	0.18	13	55	cloudy
Penzance	1.0	0.11	15	59	rain
Plymouth	2.7	0.13	16	61	rain
Poole	3.3	0.05	16	61	bright
Salcombe	3.7	0.01	17	63	cloudy
Sandown	0.4	0.02	14	57	cloudy
Saunton Snd	4.8	-	18	64	sunny
Scarborough	-	0.08	10	50	cloudy
Scilly Isles	0.4	0.15	15	59	drizzle
Southend	-	0.24	11	52	rain
Stornoway	-	-	13	55	drizzle
Swanage	2.5	0.07	15	59	shower
Teignmouth	3.1	-	17	63	bright
Tenby	3.1	-	15	59	sunny
Tiree	-	0.03	13	55	drizzle
Torquay	2.3	-	17	63	bright
Weymouth	2.4	0.02	15	59	bright
Wick	10.9	-	11	52	sunny

These are Tuesday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.427	2.227
Austria Sch	18.19	16.69
Belgium Fr	55.80	51.20
Canada $	2.12	1.96
Cyprus C'pnd	0.772	0.722
Denmark Kr	10.48	9.63
Finland Mrk	9.27	8.47
France Fr	8.98	8.29
Germany Dm	2.585	2.375
Greece Dr	364.50	339.50
Hong Kong $	12.36	11.36
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2472.00	2317.00
Japan Yen	176.50	157.00
Malta	0.697	0.652
Netherlands Gld	2.897	2.657
Norway Kr	11.28	10.48
Portugal Esc	262.00	243.50
South Africa Rd	5.80	5.00
Spain Pta	204.00	190.00
Sweden Kr	12.66	11.86
Switzerland Fr	2.265	2.065
Turkey Lira	18600.00	17900.00
USA $	1.510	1.460

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

SUN

London 7.11 pm to 6.30 am
Bristol 7.20 pm to 6.39 am
Edinburgh 7.21 pm to 6.44 am
Manchester 7.18 pm to 6.39 am
Penzance 7.33 pm to 6.51 am

Sun rises: 7.00 am
Sun sets: 6.41 pm
Moon sets 6.44 am
Moon rises 6.08 pm

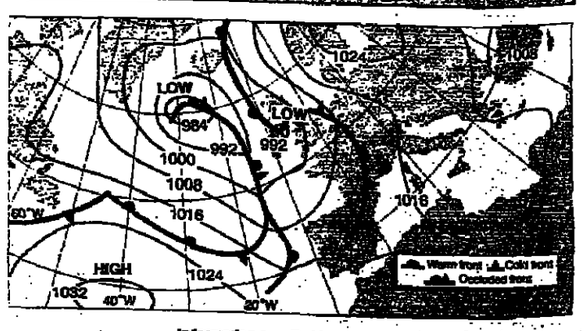
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TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.30	7.1	2.41	7.1	Liverpool	11.55	9.0	—	—
Aberdeen	1.36	4.1	2.07	4.1	Lowestoft	9.58	2.4	10.41	2.3
Avonmouth	7.55	12.7	8.12	12.9	Margate	12.43	4.6	12.39	4.7
Belfast	11.38	3.2	11.51	3.4	Milford Haven	6.47	6.8	7.03	6.8
Cardiff	7.40	11.7	7.57	12.0	Newquay	5.38	6.6	5.54	6.8
Devonport	6.17	5.2	6.28	5.4	Oban	6.13	3.8	6.30	4.0
Dover	11.40	6.5	11.58	6.3	Penzance	6.15	5.3	6.36	5.5
Falmouth	5.47	5.0	5.59	5.2	Portland	7.20	2.0	7.31	2.1
Glasgow	1.28	4.8	1.45	4.6	Portsmouth	noon	4.6	—	—
Harwich	12.18	3.9	12.29	3.9	Shoreham	11.53	6.0	—	—
Holyhead	10.59	5.3	11.07	5.5	Southampton	11.41	4.4	11.47	4.4
Hull	6.48	7.3	7.18	7.1	Swansea	7.03	9.3	7.18	9.5
Ilfracombe	6.32	8.7	6.47	9.0	Tees	4.08	5.2	4.31	5.1
King's Lynn	6.57	6.4	7.27	6.3	Wilton-on-Nze	12.12	4.1	12.30	4.1
Leith	2.58	5.3	3.27	5.4					

NOON TODAY



Information supplied by Met Office

TEMPERATURES

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	r	Guernsey	13	55	r
B'mingham	14	57	c	Inverness	11	52	f
Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	14	57	f
Bristol	14	57	f	London	14	57	c
Cardiff	15	59	c	M'chester	14	57	f
Edinburgh	12	54	f	Newcastle	11	52	r
Glasgow	9	48	r	R'nldsway	13	55	f

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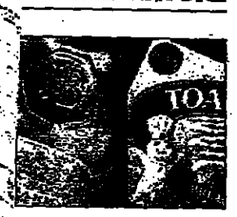
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BUSINESS EDITOR
Robert Ballantyne

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Costain is asking shareholders for £84 million to reduce debts, the second cash call in just over two years
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THE POUND

US $	1.5125 (+0.0082)
German mark	2.4392 (-0.0149)
Exchange Index	79.9 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3030.1 (-6.8)
Dow Jones	3556.52 (-9.50)*
Nikkei Avge	20077.41 (-95.31)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6-5⁹⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds	3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.92-2.91%*
Long Bond	5.97%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5124*	£:$	1.5125
$:DM	1.6133*	£:DM	2.4374
$:SWfr	1.4135*	£:SWfr	2.1324
$:Fr	5.6398*	£:Fr	8.5230
$:Yen	105.14*	£:Yen	159.19
£:SDR	1.0644	£:ECU	1.2777

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 354.55 PM 353.20
Close 351.60-352.10
New York:
Comex 352.15-352.65*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.3 August (1.7%)
* Denotes midday trading price



TONY WHITE

Retailers caution Clarke on VAT

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

■ Retailers warned the Chancellor about the threat to recovery from raising VAT in the November Budget; the CBI, however, agrees with the idea of higher indirect taxes

THE retail trade has delivered a strong warning to Kenneth Clarke that any extension of value-added tax would have a "very negative" effect on both consumer and business confidence and threaten economic recovery.

James May, director general of the British Retail Consortium, said that his organisation had persistently warned the Chancellor that widening the scope of VAT was the "last thing he should do at present".

Mr May was responding to comments at the International Monetary Fund meetings in Washington on Tuesday in which the Chancellor said that he prefers to tax consumer spending rather than savings or income. His remarks were widely taken as a hint that he intends to raise VAT in his November 30 Budget.

The consortium, which represents 90 per cent of the retail trade, fears that the Chancellor will widen the scope of VAT to currently zero-rated areas, such as food and drink, books and newspapers.

Mr May said that would not only damage confidence, but would increase inflation too. He urged the Chancellor to adopt a long-term strategy for widening the VAT base, rather than introduce shock changes. The government will eventually be forced to harmonise British VAT with that in the rest of the European Community, Mr May noted.

Given the outcry over the imposition of VAT on fuel, Mr May said the Chancellor would be "politically on a hiding to nothing" if he extended VAT elsewhere.

Howard Davies, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, presenting the Budget memorandum, said he thought the Chancellor was talking about the long-term shape of the tax system rather than any changes for the next Budget. But he added that with the upturn "patchy and still fragile", Britain "could not afford a sizable increase in indirect taxation, without endangering recovery". He concurred, however, with the Chancellor's view that higher indirect taxation would be more desirable than more direct taxation.

Mr Davies urged the Chancellor to avoid tax increases that would raise business costs. "Any tax increases which add to business costs, reduce the resources available for investment or make the UK a less attractive location for foreign direct investment would be particularly damaging to the prospects of a balanced recovery," he said.

The CBI demands a "budget for investment" to sustain and build on the recovery, especially by providing incentives to smaller companies, which promise to generate the greatest growth in employment. While it was not calling for lower interest rates, the CBI hopes rates will be lower by the end of the year.

The CBI also calls for public spending cuts of £10 billion over the next three years, which it says could be made without lowering investment or the quality of services.

☐ VAT on fuel will not be as good for the environment as the carbon tax proposed by the European Commission, but will increase the average tax paid by the poorest 20 per cent of households by about 2 per cent of their total spending, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

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Cadbury in talks to join lottery bid

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

CADBURY Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks combine, may join forces with members of one of the leading consortiums set to bid for the National Lottery franchise.

Enquiries by *The Times* indicate that Cadbury Schweppes has held talks with the four-company consortium, which includes G-Tech, the American lottery specialist. Other declared members of the consortium are De La Rue, the printer, ICL, the computer manufacturer, and Racal, the electronics company.

Speculation that Cadbury Schweppes may enter the lottery arena coincided with news that Peter Brooke, the National Heritage Secretary, had appointed Peter Davis, deputy chairman of Abbey National, as regulatory adviser on the National Lottery.

Cadbury Schweppes shares rose 4p to 455p on the London Stock Exchange. A recent circular from Kleinwort Benson argued that confectionery, along with magazines and fruit machines, could feel a chill wind from the National Lottery spend — estimated at between £1.5 billion and £2 billion during the first year. Cadbury Schweppes's marketing muscle would, however, be very attractive to the G-Tech consortium.

Other consortium bidders include:

☐ A Rothschilds consortium made up of venture capitalists and the Australian lottery enterprise Tattersalls.

☐ The Great British Lottery Company, comprising Granada, Vodafone, Hambros Bank, Carlton Communications and Associated Newspapers.

☐ Rank Organisation.

☐ Post Office Counters.

BA dreams up ticket campaign

Robert Ayling, British Airways managing director, took to the streets with some of the airline's stewardesses yesterday in a battle to win business passengers in what is described as the worst recession ever to hit the industry. The airline launched its "Dream Ticket" campaign with thousands of employees going to 15,000 travel agencies in 75 countries. The campaign will be supported by advertising in 15 languages across 35 countries; it follows the spending by British Airways of £100 million on improvements to business and first class services. Mr Ayling said: "We believe this promotion will be a real and effective incentive to encourage business travellers to give their custom to British Airways.

Retailer set to pocket £200m

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

GRAHAM Kirkham, a former furniture salesman, is set to become a multi-millionaire and one of the richest stock-market debutants when his company, DFS, a speciality furniture retailer, is floated this year.

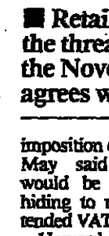
Mr Kirkham, who currently controls the entire share capital, will raise £200 million when he sells half his stake in the company, which he set up in 1969. He started out in a former billiard hall in Carcroft, near Doncaster. Upholstered furniture was manufactured upstairs and sold downstairs.

The group has since expanded into a chain of 24 out-of-town stores in central and northern England, operating under the DFS and Northern Upholstery names. It also sells dining-room furniture from a further three stores that trade as The Dining Centre. A fifth of the furniture sold is made at DFS's own factories.

Mr Kirkham said the company, which made pre-tax profits of £14.9 million on turnover of £83 million in the year to July 26, 1992, would continue to expand at the rate of three to four outlets a year.

When asked what he would do with the proceeds of the flotation, Mr Kirkham replied: "Spend it."

The Chancellor flies a kite



ANTHONY HARRIS

Kenneth Clarke, economist, is still an unknown quantity; but Kenneth Clarke, master politician, has easily made himself the star of a dull Fund meeting in Washington. He is breezy and wonderfully undiplomatic, insulting the French for their Gatt manoeuvres, the Japanese for being mean about dud loans, and tinpot dictators — his own words — with their braided caps in their hands. He is good copy; even the American papers want to quote him.

There has been nothing like this since Giscard D'Estaing used to hold court at such meetings (in bilingual English when he was trying persuasion, in rapid French when he wanted to be offensive). The tradition was set by Helmut Schmidt (always in perfect English) and John Connally, who staged some of their celebrated rows in public. Indiscretion can be a weapon in negotiation. It gets your views a sympathetic hearing from bored journalists and puts potential opponents on the defensive.

What is fairly new is to use a world meeting as a platform for domestic politics. Given our timetable of autumn party conferences and our new November Budget date, this ploy clearly has potential. Clarke not only showed that his distaste for Budget purdah is genuine, but did a Wilson: his thinking aloud was timed to steal headlines from John Smith's attack on the Tories. And he did a Wilson in another sense: he flew a kite. What he said was specific enough to pre-test political reactions, but vague enough to leave room for fudging. The difference is that while Wilson used colleagues and underlings to fly his kites, Clarke is bold enough to do it in full view.

Despite the headlines, what he said was not very new, as market reactions showed. VAT-threatened MGN was launched triumphantly; there was hardly a wobble in the retail shares potentially involved. In other words, this was the strategy the professionals were already discounting. The ordinary shopper is not, of course, so sophisticated, so Clarke may have seized the opportunity Lamont muffed, and said enough to set off a small beat-the-Budget retail boom. Otherwise, the briefing was more notable as news management than as economic philosophy. As far as it went, the strategy he revealed was orthodox. Countries as far apart politically as Britain and Labour-ruled New Zealand have shifted the tax burden on to expenditure axes, and those who have not yet got round to it, notably the US, are thinking about it. It is good for incentives and encourages saving (though this is not a top priority at the moment). But what defines a good chancellor is not his willingness to follow the fashion, or even to think aloud about it: it is the judgment he shows in doing it.

The Chancellor still talks about watching the growth figures up to the last minute before he makes his decisions, but does not say what he is waiting for. We might assume that he still means what he said to the *Financial Times* a few weeks ago: that he will raise taxes more if the economy is weak than if it is strong, which is ignorant, destabilising stuff. But Clarke may have rethought his position, and could by now mean just the opposite: don't throttle a weak recovery. He may like to fly kites in public, but slim down in private. Wait and see. There is also a wholly respectable reason for waiting for more evidence. The Budget is supposed to be addressing the structural, rather than the cyclical, deficit, but there is less in that distinction than meets the ear. City estimates of the structural part range from about £30 billion down to zero.

With each week that passes, the revenue figures will give a little more evidence to back such guesses, showing how far corporate tax payments are likely to revive now that company failures are returning to something less abnormal.

The trouble is that the next six weeks will produce nothing conclusive, or even especially suggestive. Wait till 1994.

And what else will come? A closing of more loopholes, which would raise revenue without raising taxes? Will some revenue go to raise thresholds, and raise incentives at the bottom? What about monetary policy, as Dr Schlesinger would loudly ask? Silence. All we know at this stage is that Clarke is a good Conservative; which is hardly news.

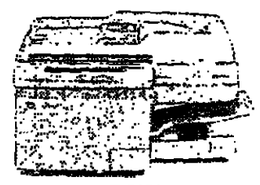
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MMC to refocus on cinema industry

BY JON ASHWORTH AND PATRICIA TEHAN

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission is to investigate the supply of films to UK cinemas — ten years after an earlier MMC investigation led to sweeping changes in the industry.

Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of fair trading, referred film distribution back to the MMC after complaints from independent cinemas about difficulties in obtaining popular films. The complaints prompted the Office of Fair Trading to take a wider look at the structure and practices of the industry as a whole.

Sir Bryan said: "My concern about the adverse effects on competition of the current distribution arrangements has been reinforced by the significant number of representations that we have received from independent cinema owners.

"Most major companies are vertically integrated into the production, distribution and exhibition of films in cinemas and follow practices which could lead to the exclusion of independent producers, distributors and exhibitors from the marketplace."

Major film distributors, including United International Pictures, Warner Brothers, Twentieth Century Fox, Columbia Tri-Star and Rank Film Distributors, will all be affected. Big cinema chains involved include MGM-Cannon, Odeon and UCI.

Analysts played down the likely impact of the review, saying the OFT's options were limited. Simon Johnson, leisure analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said: "Overall, I don't see this as a huge concern." Shares in Rank Organisation ended unchanged at 817p. Film distribution accounts for less than 2 per cent of Rank's profits. Sir Bryan said that despite changes in the past decade, notably the arrival of multiplex cinemas, a fresh enquiry was warranted.

The MMC has ten months to prepare its report. In 1991, more than 100 million cinemagoers paid an estimated £264 million to watch films on over 1,750 screens across the UK. Most of the complaints on film distribution originate from the regions, rather than London.

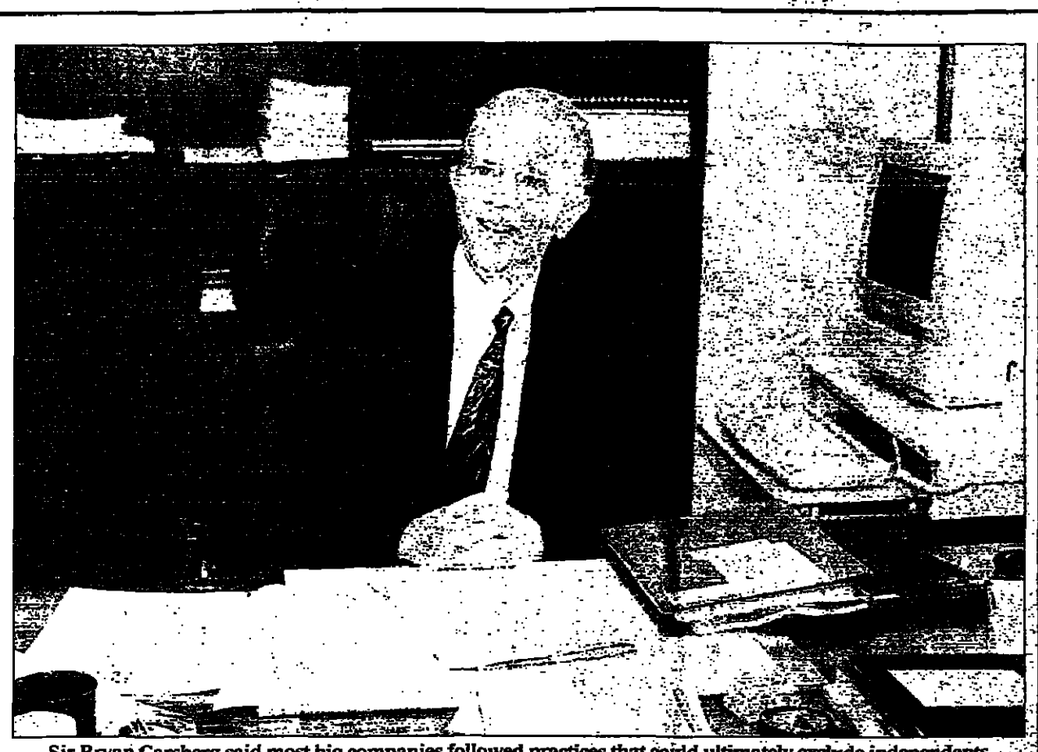
☐ Sir Bryan Carsberg is also considering taking regulatory or legislative action against photocopier dealers, accusing them of using ruses aimed at attracting customers as a means to exploit them, because the deals offered contain obscure penalties.

Speaking to business leaders in Glasgow, Sir Bryan said part of the problem with photocopier contracts was caused by the "misplaced ingenuity on the part of a number of dealers and finance houses". He said commissioned sales seemed to have increased the difficulties, but added that part of the blame lay with customers' "severe lack of understanding" of the precise nature and cost of the deals into which they have entered.

The OFT began an enquiry into the hiring and leasing of office equipment in February and hopes to publish its findings soon. Sir Bryan said he had not yet decided on whether to take regulatory action or to call for legislation.

Sir Bryan also told business leaders that the Office of Fair Trading was to consider bringing small businesses under the protection of the Consumer Credit Act.

Stan Mendham, chief executive of the Forum of Private Business, said including small businesses "will not do any harm".



Sir Bryan Carsberg said most big companies followed practices that could ultimately exclude independents

Pension trustee plan lacks ideal candidates

BY LIZ DOLAN

A LACK of suitable candidates could scupper hopes that the Goode report will today recommend that each of the country's estimated 150,000 company pension schemes should appoint at least one independent trustee.

In theory, anyone can be a pension fund trustee. But the bulk of those deemed suitable for the role are likely to come from the ranks of retired pensions professionals, or members of related fields, such as solicitors.

Richard Mulcahy, of Bacon & Woodrow, the pensions consultant, said: "At a very rough estimate, there are only a few thousand people with the right credentials to become independent trustees." Goode may have to settle for the appointment of independent trustees only in the larger schemes, even though smaller schemes were arguably often more in need of independent surveillance. Mr Mulcahy said. Others were more optimistic. Peter Timberlake, of Legal & General, said: "Clearly, we would want to ensure trustees have a sensible head on their shoulders, but there are training schemes available, and those who already possess the required experience should be able to take up several appointments at once." This could mean a useful supplement to the incomes of retired pensions professionals, he said. "At, say, £5,000 per scheme, for just three or four meetings a year, they should be able to manage at least four or five separate appointments apiece."



Goode: review hailed

The pensions report, commissioned last year in the wake of the Maxwell pensions scandal and chaired by Professor Roy Goode, has been hailed as the most important review of company pension schemes for decades. Issues that are likely to be addressed include the strengthening of security; ownership of pension funds, especially surpluses; the rights of spouses of divorcing scheme members; the preservation and transfer of individual's pension rights; and the need for better communication with, and education of, scheme members.

Kuwait says Opec is close to deal

BY GEORGE SIVELL

OPEC ministers were set for an agreement on quotas, Ahmed Al-Baghli, the Kuwait oil minister, said last night as members of the oil cartel assembled for a meeting.

Mr Baghli said in Geneva: "We will reach an agreement tonight." The Opec meeting went into its fifth day to agree fourth-quarter output. Delays had been caused by Kuwait's insistence on boosting its output.

So far, the talks have agreed on a production cap of 24.5 million barrels a day but disagreed on how this should be divided up.

Delegates said Kuwait, which has pumped oil at will since June rather than accept a quota it thinks too low, told the others it was ready to rejoin the fold at a quota valid for the next two months. Prices for North Sea Brent for November delivery were changing hands in London up 30 cents a barrel at $16.96.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Adwest calls for £22m with one-for-four rights

A £22.2 million cash call has been announced by Adwest Group, the Reading engineer that has undergone a two-and-a-half year restructuring. The one-for-four rights issue at 140p a share, compared with a market price yesterday of 178p, up 6p, will provide resources for investment in the group's engineering business and for acquisitions. In the year to end-June, taxable profits leapt 35 per cent to £9.4 million, while earnings per share went up 45 per cent to 11p. A final dividend of 5.2p makes a total of 7.2p (7p).

Adwest directors said the group's rationalisation over recent years, which has included the closure of half a dozen manufacturing sites, had corresponded with productivity improving dramatically. Sales per employee per year have risen from £40,000 to £59,000. Over the past three years capital expenditure has totalled £19.7 million. On prospects, Fred Grant, chairman, said the group, whose businesses range from automotive components to power systems, was confident, as some of its customers' businesses were seeing more stability.

Receivers moving in

CAMBRIDGE Group, the Irish financial and leasing company, is going into receivership. It is thought there have been expressions of interest for some of the assets of the group, whose shares were suspended yesterday on the London Stock Exchange at its own request. One senior bank source said options to recover the monies included "winding down or selling the leasing books, winding down the continuing company and disposing of non-core assets".

Fitch cuts its losses

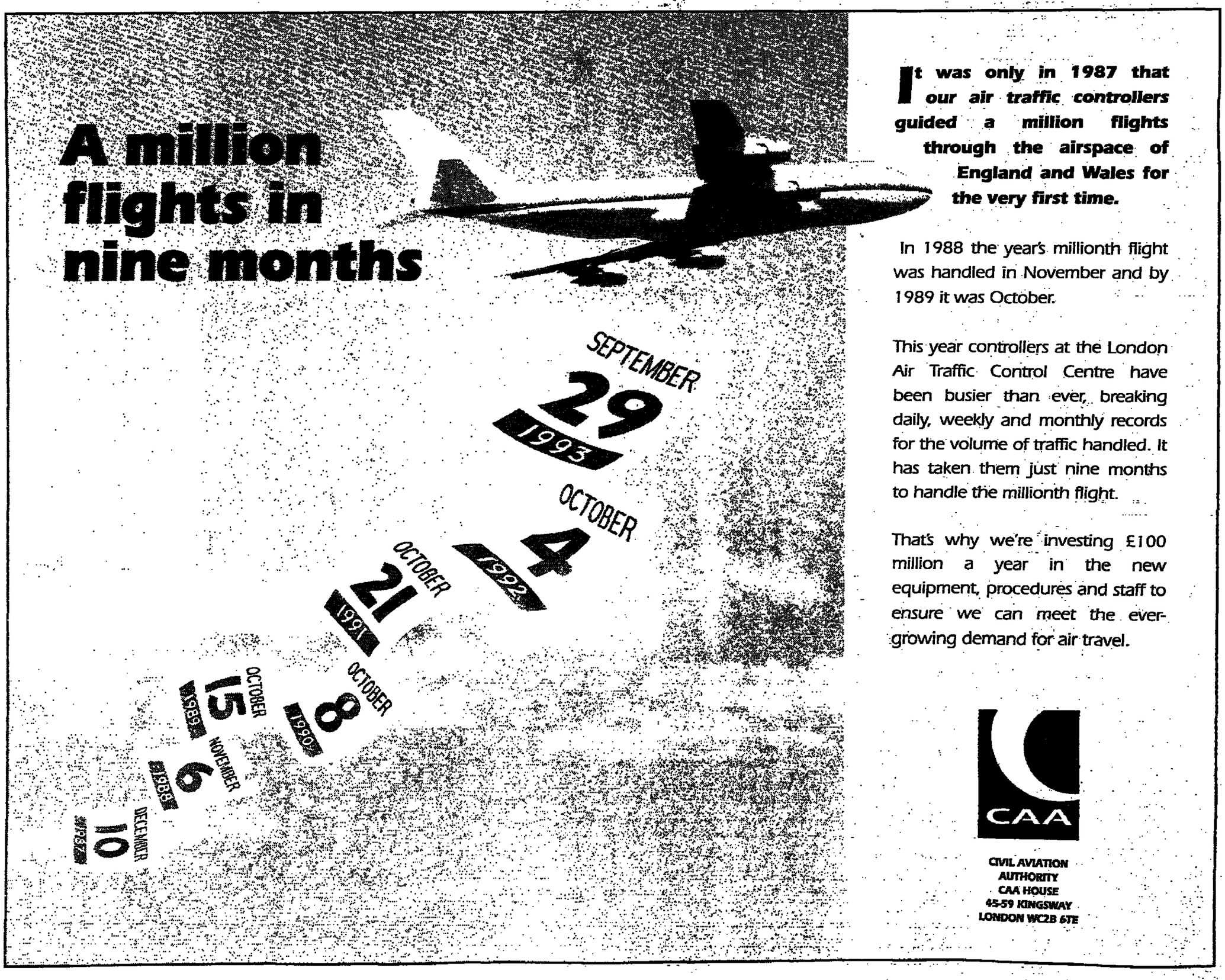
FITCH, the design agency that came close to collapse last year, yesterday announced reduced interim losses of £381,000. The group improved from a loss of £1.8 million in the first six months of last year, resulting from £1.7 million exceptional charge. Rodney Fitch, chairman, said: "None of our markets is easy, and we anticipate that the UK and the rest of Europe will remain difficult for some time to come." There is no interim dividend and the shares fell 3p to 11p.

Lloyd's group to sue

THE Devonshire Names Action Group, which represents 1,500 loss-making Lloyd's names, is to start legal action in an attempt to recover £154 million of insurance losses from Devonshire Underwriting Agencies and the members' agents responsible for placing names on its syndicates. The names were members of syndicates 216 and 833/834 for the 1989 and 1990 years. These have so far lost £200 million and are expected to make further losses of £250 million.

World of Leather dips

THE need to provide extended interest-free credit and an increase in overheads hit half-time profits at World of Leather, the furniture retailer. Pre-tax profits fell to £71,000 (£94,000) in the six months to end-June, on sales up to £14 million (£12.7 million). Again there is no interim dividend. World of Leather, which accounts for one fifth of the UK leather furniture market, says as a sign of its confidence it is opening its first new store in nearly four years in early 1994.



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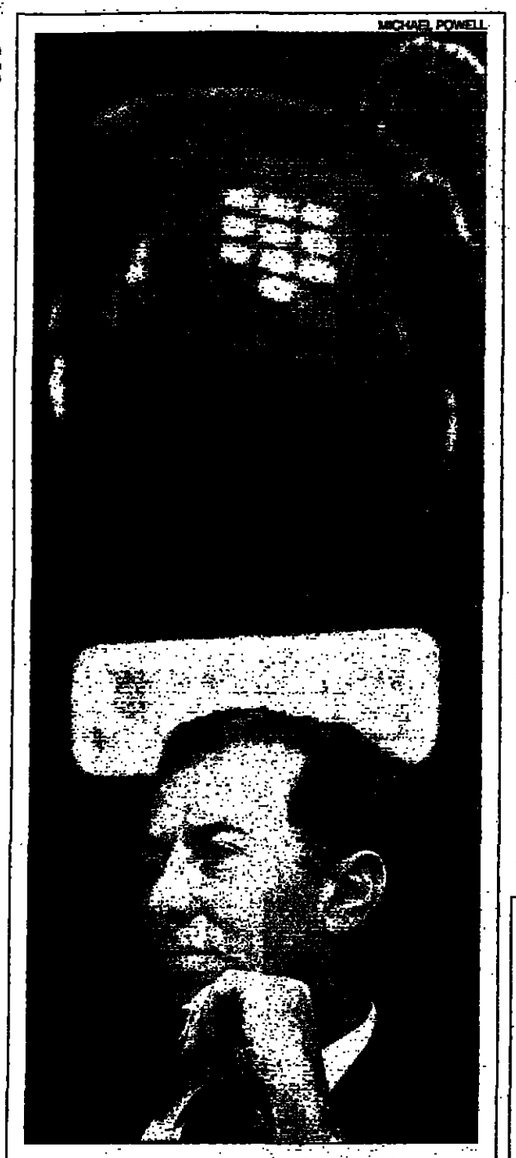
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DIRECT Line, the motor insurance arm of Royal Bank of Scotland, is chasing a bigger slice of the home buildings and contents insurance market with a television advertising campaign, the first time it has actively marketed the service. David Wood, above, chief executive, believes it can undercut its competitors; it will be targeting "safer" risk customers whose homes have safety locks and alarms.

Chef & Brewer sale crowns dramatic week for GrandMet

By Susan Gilchrist

GRAND Metropolitan, the international food and drinks group, announced the long-expected sale of its Chef & Brewer pub chain to Scottish & Newcastle, in a £704 million deal.

S&N is paying £622 million in cash, £405 million of which will be raised through a one-for-four rights issue at 390p. GrandMet says the deal is worth £736 million because of the release of obligations relating to its beer supply agreement with Courage.

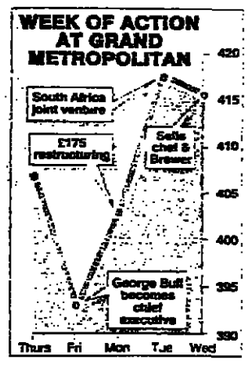
GrandMet group is also disposing of property interests in a further 235 pubs leased to Chef & Brewer by Innterpreneur Estates, its joint venture company with Courage. These will be picked up by Morgan Grenfell, S&N's merchant bankers, for a further £94 million in an arm's length deal.

The sale of its 1,645-strong pub chain is the latest in a series of developments announced by GrandMet in the past seven days, many of which have taken the City by surprise. Last week, it was revealed that George Bull was to become chief executive when Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman, split the roles. On Monday, the group announced a £175 million restructuring provision to cover 3,000 job losses.

On Tuesday, Pillsbury agreed a joint venture with South Africa's Foodcorp. Yesterday, Heublein, a subsidiary of IDV, acquired Glen Ellen, the Californian wine brand, from Benziger Family Ranch for an estimated price of $80 million to $100 million.

Sir Allen said the latest deal with S&N took GrandMet a step closer to establishing itself as an international branded food and drinks group. It would also reduce gearing from about 90 per cent to 70 per cent.

Brian Stewart, S&N's chief executive, said the acquisition gave the group's pub operations nationwide coverage at a single stroke, expanding its northern stronghold into London and the South of England. It would also provide an important shop window for the group's beer brands, such McEwan's, Younger's and Beck's.



However, Chef & Brewer's current beer supply agreement with Courage meant S&N could not sell its own brands through the newly acquired pubs until March 1995.

Mr Stewart said he hoped S&N and Courage could come to a new arrangement before then. S&N believes there is considerable scope to improve performance from the chain, which consists almost entirely of managed outlets, by refurbishment and by exploiting purchasing and distribution synergies. Mr Stewart put the cost of refurbishment at £30 million over the next two years.

Analysts generally welcomed the news, though some thought S&N had paid a hefty price. Tom de Trafford, of BZW, said: "It makes sense strategically in the long-term, although the price is high. But then, GrandMet does not have a reputation for selling things cheaply."

As one of the last large pub chains on the market, Chef & Brewer was always going to go for a substantial price. One leading analyst said: "It was a unique opportunity and therefore anyone interested in it would have had to dig very deep into their pocket." S&N has ended up paying about £570,000 per pub, significantly more than in previous pub deals.

Whitbread, which until Tuesday evening was seen as the favourite to snap up Chef & Brewer, poured scorn on the price tag.

A spokesman said: "We believe the price is too high. Many of the pubs need refurbishment and there will be the additional cost of disposing of pubs to comply with the Beer Orders. We are still interested in buying pubs but not at any price."

Whitbread dismissed suggestions that it faced a greater competitive threat now that S&N had encroached on its traditional south of England heartlands.

S&N needs to sell or free from tie about 748 pubs from its enlarged estate, including 462 Chef & Brewer houses, which will be sold through Morgan Grenfell.

Mr Stewart insisted that the deal would not dilute earnings in the first full year and will enhance earnings thereafter. Chef & Brewer made operating profits of £84 million on turnover of £481 million in the year to September 30, 1992.

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Maher to step down at Pentos

By Martin Flanagan

TERRY Maher, chairman and chief executive of Pentos, the troubled bookshops-to-stationers' group, is to step down from the board by the end of the year.

The announcement was made yesterday as Pentos disclosed a £400,000 interim pre-tax loss against a £2.4 million profit, and predicted that full-year results were likely to be significantly below 1992 when the group made taxable profits of £4 million. There is no interim dividend (0.7p).

Mr Maher's announcement that he is quitting wrong-footed the City, which thought a splitting of his top two roles was more likely. The hunt is on for a new chief executive and non-executive chairman, with Sir Kit McMahon stepping in as non-executive deputy chairman to ensure an orderly handover of responsibilities. The group said that during the first six months of 1993 like-for-like sales at Dillons bookshops were ahead 4 per cent. Like-for-like sales at Ryman, the stationery chain, were slightly ahead.

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Loss tops £1.2m at Starmin

By Our City Staff

STARMIN, the quarry products group chaired by Lord Parkinson, plans more sell-offs after unveiling deepening first-half losses and passing its interim dividend.

Pre-tax losses grew to £1.24 million (£479,000) in the six months to end-June as turnover dropped to £8.59 million (£10.8 million). An exceptional charge of £388,000 relates to reorganisation costs and abortive acquisition costs.

Lord Parkinson became chairman of Starmin, which faces the possibility of legal action from former executives, in a boardroom shake-up in July. The Abdullah brothers, who speak for about 30 per cent of the group's shares, left the board at the time.

The brothers left before a review of accounting procedures at the group, which, last month, resulted in losses for 1992 being revised up by nearly £4 million to £11.9 million, and the 0.2p final dividend being withdrawn.

Raschid Abdullah remains on the board and he and his brother Osman are considering suing the company.

There is no interim dividend (0.1p). The loss per share is 0.4p (0.3p).

Towry Law seeks share quotation

By Our City Staff

TOWRY Law is the first financial services company for several years to seek a full stock market listing. A planned flotation in early November, through a placing by James Capel, will capitalise the group at about £25 million.

Ordinary shares representing about 35 per cent of the group's issued share capital will be placed with institutional investors and private client stockbrokers. On this basis, the company is expected to raise under £10 million.

The Towry Law group of companies, which employs more than 400 people, includes the UK's largest Fimbra-registered independent financial adviser, a corporate pensions adviser and a general insurance broker.

The group obtains business from more than 60,000 clients. Its basis of charging can be either on a fee basis, or commission.

Towry Law reported pre-tax profits ahead to £2.42 million in the year to end-June (£2.07 million), on turnover of £21.2 million (£18.9 million). It intends to strengthen its UK growth pattern and seize opportunities to achieve European and other overseas links.

Central TV reports brighter picture

By Philip Pangalos

A BIGGER share of ITV's advertising and sponsorship revenue helped Central Independent Television turn in record interim profits, despite having to make increased payments to the government under its new broadcasting licence.

Leslie Hill, chairman and chief executive of the Birmingham-based group, reported an 8.6 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £16.4 million in the six months to end-June and sounded an upbeat note on prospects.

Central, which bid only £2,000 a year to retain its Midlands ITV franchise, saw its licence payment to government, which is made up of the annual bid and a proportion of sponsorship and advertising revenue, rise to £11.5 million (£6.98 million).

Advertising and sponsorship revenue was 15.26 per cent of the ITV total, against 14.83 per cent in the comparable period last time. However, competition from Channel 4, now selling its own advertising, is partly responsible for a drop in turnover to £149 million (£158.6 million). Qualifying revenue dropped to £104.7 million (£115.8 million), while sales of programmes edged up to £38.3 million (£37.7 million).

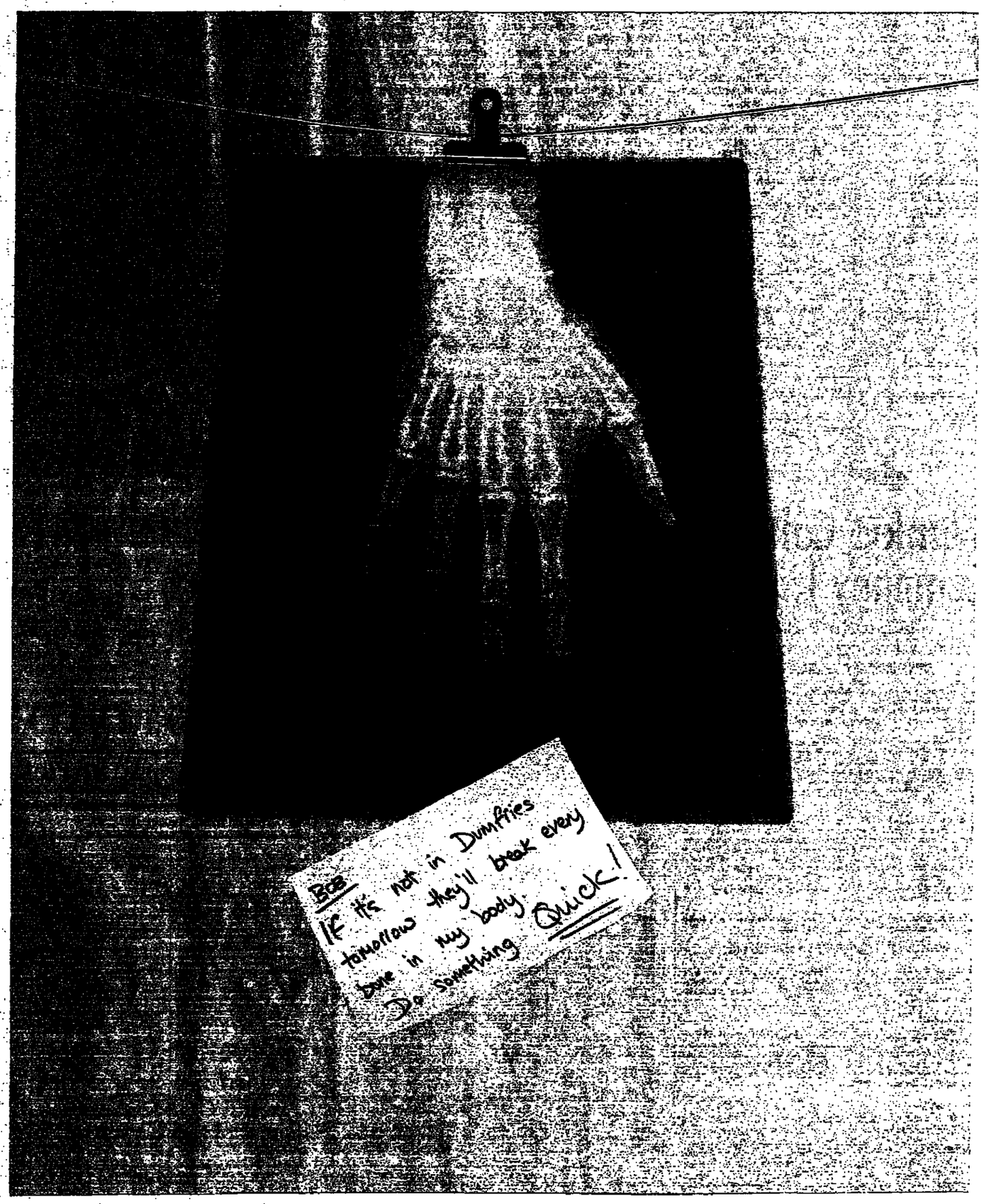
Kazia Kantor, finance director, is "cautiously optimistic" on prospects after the group saw pleasing advances in July and August advertising figures.

She added that the end of the highly successful *Inspector Morse* series had not finished profits growth at Central TV. "We have a whole lot of new programmes in the pipeline," she said. The group has supplied the high rating new series *Peak Practice*, as well as established successes such as *The Upper Hand* and *The Cook Report*.

Mr Hill said: "Although it is too early to predict the outcome for the remaining months, we expect that 1993 will be another successful year for our company."

The interim dividend is raised to 11p (10p), while earnings climb to 37.5p (34.7p) a share. Central shares fell 50p to £20.58.

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Thirsty speculators look for sell-off move from Forte

STOCK MARKET

ALL eyes were again focused on the drinks sector as news of another deal filtered through to the Square Mile.

But there is little evidence to suggest that speculators have quenched their thirst for deals, and last night they were claiming that further announcements are on the way. As a result, brokers will be playing close attention to half-year figures from **Forte** later this morning.

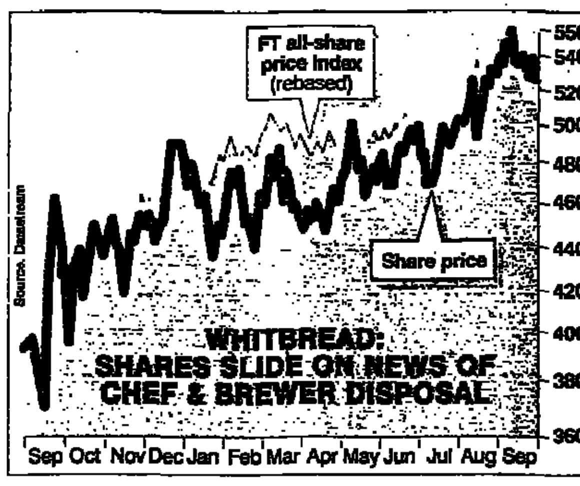
In the past week, speculators have begun ruling out the possibility of a rights issue accompanying the figures. Instead they are now talking about likely disposals in order to reduce mounting debt levels. Top of the list is the Harvester chain of restaurants which, it is thought, could fetch about £60 million with **Allied-Lyons**, 2p firmer at 572p, heading the list of potential buyers. The speculators would also not be surprised to see Forte eventually dispose of its Savoy Hotel holding. It owns most of the shares, but does not have a controlling interest in the votes.

Meanwhile, **Grand Metropolitan**, down 2p at 418p, has finally sold its 1,654-strong chain of Chef & Brewer managed pubs to **Scottish & Newcastle** for a total of £736 million. In addition Inntrepreneur, its joint venture with Courage, is selling 235 Chef & Brewer outlets for £94 million.

To help finance the deal Scottish & Newcastle is raising £405 million by way of a one-for-four rights issue at 390p. It predicts there will be no dilution of earnings. S&N reacted to the deal with a fall of 17p to 453p. News of the deal also left **Whitbread A** 12p lower at 529p. It was seen as a potential bidder at one stage for Chef & Brewer. It is also believed to have had talks with Forte about Harvester.

The rest of the equity market spent a lacklustre session following a disappointing response ot the latest gilt auction. Sentiment was also weighed down by the growing number of fund-raising exercises. But selling pressure remained light, with the FT-SE 100 index halving an earlier loss of more than 14 points to close 6.8 down at 3,030.1. Turnover was 511 million shares.

Costain, the construction group, has also joined the rights issue queue. It has asked shareholders to stump-up almost £84 million by way of five-for-four rights issue at 30p. The proceeds will be used to reduce gearing. The group is intent on reducing debt with further asset sales. The news came on a day when Costain told shareholders that it did not expect to resume dividend payments until 1995.



Adwest jumped 11p to 183p after reporting a sharp jump in final pre-tax profits from £6.9 million to £9.4 million and issuing details of a one-for-four right issue at 140p to raise £11 million.

Hunterprint tumbled 10p to 37p in late trading after issuing another profits warning and announcing it had passed payment of the preference dividend.

Betterware halted this week's slide with a rise of 2p to 207p. BZW, the company's broker, is believed to have circulated an internal recommendation of the shares.

Rolls-Royce firmed 2p to 149p as Hoare Govett placed the rump of the group's recent rights issue. The 31 million shares were placed with various institutions at 145p.

The threat by the Chancellor to raise extra revenue with increases in VAT sent a shiver through the market. There are fears he may choose to make both books, newspapers and food items liable for VAT. Food retailers recorded losses, with **Iceland Group** falling 6p to 192p, **Kwik Save** 10p to 667p, **William Low** 4p to 180p, **Nurdin & Peacock** 2p to 187p, and **Tesco** 4p to 199p.

News International eased 3p to 265p, **Pearson** 7p to 537p, and **United Newspapers** 4p to 545p. **Mirror Group Newspapers** fell 7p to 170p following confirmation that the "finely pitched" sale of shares belonging to the Maxwell estate had been successfully placed at 170p. Cazenove and Warburg Securities called for sealed bids from about 100 institutions for the 219.6 million shares, or 54.8 per cent of the issued share capital. They began trading at 175p but ended the day at 169p, a discount of 1p. The issue raised £373 million.

Reed Elsevier shares *slipped* 5p to 718p after the boardroom reshuffle. Peter Davis, chief executive, has been appointed joint chairman alongside Pierre Vinken. He will take over the role of chairman in 1995.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** recovered a setback following the result of the gilt auction, which was only 1.18 times covered. Dealers reported overseas support for the longer end. The December series of the **Long Gilt** climbed £3/16 to £113¾ as 83,000 contracts were completed. In longs, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** climbed 13 ticks to £117 9/32. In shorts, **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** was a tick easier at £112 21/32.

MICHAEL CLARK

Hogg shares hit after profit dives

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

HOGG, the international insurance broking group, saw pre-tax profits tumble by 26 per cent to £5.03 million in the six months to end-June, reflecting continued tough market conditions.

The shares fell sharply from 211p to 172p as Anthony Howland Jackson, chairman, told shareholders that profits for the full year "will not match those achieved last year".

He added that the interim results were disappointing and that "looking ahead to the year end, we can only express a message of caution." Turnover advanced from £56.1 million to £62.7 million and the interim dividend was maintained at 3.15p.

Pre-tax profits from the group's underlying business of insurance broking fell £2.04 million to £5.51 million, partly due to the cancellation of contracts in its fine arts and jewellery division, where profits fell by £1.2 million.

Hogg Robinson in the US suffered due to uncertainty over healthcare reforms. Pre-tax profits fell £500,000.

Investment income overall fell £900,000 to £2.39 million, reflecting the era of lower interest rates, and the members' agency arm, included for the first time, which made a £120,000 loss.

The fall in profits was only partly offset by £1.1 million of exchange rate gains derived from US dollar brokerage earned in the UK, coupled with the translation of US dollar profits at stronger exchange rates.

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Alexon getting a grip after first-half plunge into red

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE cost of clearing the decks at Alexon plunged the troubled fashion group deep into the red as the new management wrestled to sort out chronic stock problems and reduce costs.

However, John Osborn, who was brought in as chief executive after the departure of Ruth Henderson in April, said the recovery programme was on course. There were pre-tax losses of £10 million for the six months to July 31, against a profit of £2.1 million last time. "This year is about getting the balance sheet straight and we have moved faster on that than we expected," Mr Osborn said, adding that "good progress" had been made on reducing debts, costs and stock.

Debts have fallen from £27.5 million to £11 million, a result of the proceeds of the group's £16.4 million rights issue in June. Mr Osborn forecasts that gearing will come down to 50 per cent by the year end, having neared 200 per cent earlier in the year.

Following an aggressive cost reduction programme, which has seen head office staff cut by 25 per cent, the group expects to beat its target of £3 million of annual cost savings, announced at the time of the rights issue. Offices in Manchester and Milton Keynes have been closed and the group's warehouse network has been rationalised.

Stocks have been reduced from £46.9 million to £30 million over the past six months, by means of heavy discounting of old ranges in Alexon's clearance outlets. Mr Osborn said this year's spring and summer ranges had also been marked down aggressively to ensure that nothing was added to the stock mountain at the end of the season.

Margins were inevitably hit across the group, but Mr Osborn said destocking remained a priority.

Although Eastex and Alexon made profits, losses deepened at Dash, the leisurewear brand. Mr Osborn said the result vindicated his decision to convert Dash outlets not located in department stores to the new Ann Harvey fascia, which will sell outsize women's clothing. The first store opens next week in Watford, and a further 20 are planned by the end of this year. Dash will continue to be sold through concession outlets.

Mr Osborn says the group will make a loss in the full year but adds that "the building blocks are now in place" to return to profit next year. There is no interim dividend, against last time's 3p.


Modelling outsize women's wear: Ann Harvey outlets will replace many Dash shops

BT decides on finance director

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BRITISH Telecom has completed the search for a new finance director with the appointment of Robert Brace, an internal candidate, who also joins the main board.

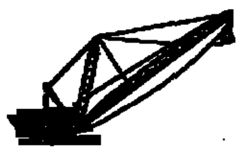
Mr Brace, previously director and group controller, has been with British Telecom for four years, joining the company as finance director of its UK division. He was widely tipped as favourite for the job, which became vacant when Barry Romeril went to the United States as chief financial officer for the Xerox Corporation.

A career-long finance professional, Mr Brace started with Peat Marwick Mitchell (a forerunner of KPMG) in 1971 and subsequently was group finance director with Unipart.

He subsequently became group treasurer and later vice president responsible for finance and business development, for Black & Decker's European operations.

☐ Peter Davis, currently the chief executive of Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publishing concern, will be appointed co-chairman from October ahead of the retirement of Pierre Vinken, the chairman.

He will become the sole chairman following Mr Vinken's retirement as planned in 1995. The chief executive function will be taken over by the executive committee.



Wankie Colliery Company Limited

(Incorporated in Zimbabwe)

CIRCULAR TO SHAREHOLDERS AND NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

In the Annual report for the year ended 28 February 1993, the Chairman reported that the board was investigating the restructuring of the share capital and finances of the company in order that the issued permanent share capital is more in keeping with the assets employed in the company. Proposals on the first phase of the share capital restructuring are now complete.

At a meeting of directors held on 24 September 1993 a decision was made on the implementation of share capital restructuring which involves the creation and issue of additional ordinary shares to existing ordinary shareholders by way of a capitalisation issue. Your directors have decided, therefore, that the authorised share capital of the company should be increased from $43 000 000 divided into 43 000 000 ordinary shares of $1 each to $180 000 000 divided into 180 000 000 ordinary shares of $1 each by the creation of 137 000 000 new ordinary shares of $1 each, to rank pari passu in every respect with the existing ordinary shares of the company.

It is proposed that a sum of $126 668 640, being part of the surplus arising on revaluation of fixed assets of the company, be utilised for the payment in full of 126 668 640 ordinary shares of $1 each in the company, such shares to be issued as fully paid to the holders of ordinary shares appearing in the register of members at 19 November 1993 in the proportion of three new ordinary shares for each one ordinary share held. The unissued balance of 11 108 480 ordinary shares of $1 each will constitute a reserve which may be issued as and when required to further the expansion of your company.

The effect of this restructuring is to increase the issued ordinary shares from 42 222 880 by 126 668 640 to 168 891 520 ordinary shares of $1.00 each.

In order to implement the share capital restructuring it is necessary that the resolutions detailed below be passed at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders will be held in the boardroom, 5th floor, Takura House, 67 Union Avenue, Harare at 10.30am on Tuesday 26 October 1993 for the purpose of considering and, if deemed fit, of passing, with or without modification, the following special and ordinary resolutions:

As a special resolution

"THAT the authorised share capital of the company, presently $43 000 000 (forty three million dollars) dived into 43 000 000 (forty three million) ordinary shares of $1.00 (one dollar) each be and it is hereby increased by the creation of 137 000 000 (one hundred and thirty seven million) new ordinary shares of $1.00 (one dollar) each so that the authorised share capital of the company is $180 000 000 (one hundred and eighty million dollars) divided into 180 000 000 (one hundred and eighty million) ordinary shares of $1.00 (one dollar) each."

As ordinary resolutions

1. "THAT, subject to the passing of the above special resolution the board of directors be and is hereby authorised and empowered to utilise a sum of $126 668 640 (one hundred and twenty six million, six hundred and sixty-eight thousand, six hundred and forty dollars) from the existing capital reserve of $817 205 000 (eight hundred and seventeen million, two hundred and six thousand dollars) for the purpose of payment in full of 126 668 640 (one hundred and twenty six million, six hundred and sixty eight thousand, six hundred and forty) ordinary shares of $1.00 (one dollar) each and to issue them as fully paid to ordinary shareholders appearing in the Register of Shareholders at 19 November 1993 in the proportion of three new ordinary shares for each one ordinary share held."

The transfer books and register of shareholders will be closed from 20 November 1993 to 23 November 1993, both dates inclusive, and share certificates will be posted to members on or about 3 December 1993.

2. "THAT, 11 108 480 (eleven million, one hundred and eight thousand, four hundred and eighty) ordinary shares of the remaining unissued ordinary shares after such issues covered in Resolution 1 above be and are hereby held at the disposal of the directors who may, at any time, issue them on such terms as they see fit, subject to the limitations of the Companies Act (Chapter 190) and the relevant stock exchanges."

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint any person or persons to speak and vote in his place. A proxy need not be a member of the company. Proxy forms must be lodged with the secretaries in Harare not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

By order of the board
C.T.N. WABATAGORE
Secretary
30 September 1993

67 Union Avenue
P.O.Box 2870
Harare
Zimbabwe

DIRECTORS: N Kadenge (Chairman), O.K Bwerinofa (Managing), D.J Fry, Dr P Manarevanyu, D.E.H Marangari, F.M Nehwati, A.F.B Ravenscroft, Professor J.G Yess.

WALL STREET

New York — Shares moved lower at midday as buying of over-the-counter technology issues petered out. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 9.5 at 3,556.52.

☐ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index lost 95.31 points to 20,077.41.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index ended 5.92 points lower at 1,907.69. *(Reuter)*

	Sep 29 midday	Sep 28 close
AMP Inc	66	66
AMR Corp	65	65
Abbott Labs	27	28
Aetna Life	59	59
Ahmanson (HF)	20	19
Air Prod & Chem	38	38
Albertson's	49	49
Alcan Alumnm	18	19
Alco Standard	43	42
Allied Signal	71	71
Alum Co of Am	66	67
Amax	22	22
Amerada Hess	52	52
Amer Brands	33	33
Amer Cyanamid	55	54
Amer El Power	38	38
Amer Express	36	36
Amer Genl Corp	32	33
Amer Home Pr	60	61
Amer Intl	99	99
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	59	59
Ameritech	86	87
Amoco	55	55
Anheuser-Busch	46	46
Apple Computer	24	24
Archer Daniels	22	22
Arkla	8	9
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	42	42
Asarco	17	17
Ashland Oil	33	33
Atl Richfield	113	111
Auto Data Pro	52	52
Avery Dennison	27	26
Avon Products	52	52
Baker Hughes	22	22
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	41	41
BankAmerica	44	45
Bank of NY	57	56
Bankers Tr NY	81	80
Barnett Banks	45	45
Bausch & Lomb	47	47
Baxter Intl	21	21
Becton Dicknsn	37	37
Bell Atlantic	63	63
BellSouth	60	61
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	39	39
Boeing	39	39
Boise Cascade	21	21
Borden Inc	17	17
Bristol Myrs Sq	55	56
Browning Ferris	23	23
Burlington Nthn	53	53
CBS	276	277
CNA Financial	85	87
CPC Intl	43	43
CSX	78	79
Campbell Soup	38	38
Can Pacific	15	15
Cptl Cities ABC	583	590
Cptl Holdings	42	42
Carolina Pwr	33	33
Caterpillar	79	79
Central & SW	33	33
Champion Intl	30	30
Chase Manhat	37	37
Chemical Bk	45	45
Chevron Corp	95	94
Chrysler	49	49
Chubb Corp	85	84
Cigna Corp	65	65
Citicorp	37	37
Clorox	53	53
Coastal Corp	27	26
Coca Cola	42	42
Colgate-Palmolive	53	53
Columbia Gas	25	25
Commonw Ed	30	30
Compaq Comp	58	58
Comp Ass Intl	17	33
Conagra	25	26
Cons Edison	36	37
Cons Nat Gas	52	52
Cons Rail	59	58
Cooper Inds	48	48
Corning Inc	35	34
Crown Cork	39	35
Dana Corp	57	56
Dayton Hudson	70	70
Deere	73	73
Delta Air Lines	52	53
Deluxe Corp	36	35
Detroit Edison	34	34
Digital Equip	37	38
Dillard Dept St	36	36
Disney (Walt)	37	38
Dominion Res	48	48
Donelley (RR)	30	30
Dover Corp	55	55
Dow Chemicals	58	58
Dow Jones	32	33
Dresser	20	20
Duke Power	43	43
Dun & Brdstreet	63	63
Du Pont	46	46
Eastman Kodak	56	58
Eaton Corp	49	49
Emerson Elec	58	59
Engelhard Corp	38	38
Enron Corp	34	34
Entergy Corp	39	39
Ethyl Corp	17	17
Exxon	66	65
FMC Corp	48	48
FPL Group	40	40
Federal Express	61	62
Fed Nat Mtge	79	79
First Chicago	49	48
First Interstate	66	66
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	35	34
Fluor Corp	41	41
Ford Motor	55	56
GTE Corp	38	38
Gannett	48	47
Gap Inc Del	30	29
Gen Dynamics	92	91
Gen Electric	96	95
Gen Mills	60	60
Gen Motors	45	45
Gen Reinsurance	123	123
Gen Signal	32	32
Genuine Parts	37	38
Georgia Pac	62	61
Gillette	57	59
Glaxo ADR	18	19
Goodrich (BF)	43	44
Goodyear Tire	44	44
Grace (WR)	35	35
Gt Atl Pac Tea	25	26
Great Wstn Fin	19	19
Halliburton	34	34
Harcourt General	44	45
Heinz (HJ)	35	35
Hercules	89	91
Hershey Foods	49	50
Hewlett Packard	68	68
Hilton Hotels	49	49
Home Depot	38	39
Homestake Mng	19	16
Honeywell	35	35
Household Intl	78	78
Houston Inds	46	47
Humana	12	13
ITT Corp	93	93
Illinois Tool	38	38
INCO	17	18
Ingersoll Rand	37	38
Inland Steel	27	27
Intel Corp	72	72
IBM	41	41
Intl Flav & Fr	99	100
Intl Paper	59	59
James River Va	21	21
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	38	39
K Mart	23	24
Kellogg	49	50
Kerr-McGee	51	51
Kimberly-Clark	48	49
Knight-Ridder	57	57
Lilly (Eli)	49	50
Limited Inc	22	22
Lin Brdcstng	115	115
Lincoln Nat	47	46
Litton	60	59
Liz Claiborne	20	20
Lockheed Corp	63	64
Louisiana Pac	32	32
MCI Commun	27	28
Marriott	31	30
Marsh & McLnn	88	88
Masco Corp	31	32
May Dept St	44	45
Maytag Corp	16	15
McCaw Cellular	53	54
McDonalds	53	53
McDonnell D	89	89
McGraw Hill	68	68
Mead Corp	42	42
Medtronic	65	66
Mellon Bk	55	54
Melville Corp	44	45
Merck Inc	30	30
Merrill Lynch	107	101
Minnesota Mine	103	102
Mobil Corp	90	90
Monsanto	64	67
Morgan (JP)	77	77
Motorola Inc	102	104
Natl Medical	7	8
Natl Semi	21	21
Natl Service Ind	24	25
Navistar Int	23	22
NBD Bancorp	34	33
NY Times A	24	25
Newmont Mng	48	47
Niag Mohawk	24	24
Nike B	46	46
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	30	29
Norfolk Sthrn	68	68
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	28	27
Nynex Corp	46	46
Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	25	29
Oracle Systems	62	61
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	45	44
PNC Financial	30	30
PPG Industries	65	66
Paccar Inc	63	60
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	27	27
Pac Gas & Elec	36	36
Pac Telesis	54	54
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	25	24
Paramnt Comm	79	77
Parker Hannifin	34	34
Penney (JC)	47	47
Pennzoil	61	61
Pepsico	40	40
Pfizer	59	50
Phelps Dodge	40	41
Philip Morris	45	46
Phillips Pet	33	32
Pitney Bowes	38	39
Polaroid	33	34
Price Co	37	37
Primerica	45	49
Procter & Gmbl	47	47
Pub Serv E & G	35	35
Quaker Oats	66	67
Ralston Purina	37	37
Raychem Corp	42	42
Raytheon	62	63
Reebok Intl	24	24
Reynolds Metals	43	44
Roadway Srvs	59	60
Rockwell Intl	36	36
Rohm & Haas	50	51
Royal Dutch	101	100
Rubbermaid	33	33
Safeco Corp	62	62
St Paul's Cos	92	91
Salomon Inc	50	50
Santa Fe Pac	18	18
Sara Lee Corp	23	23
Scecorp	23	24
Schering Plough	65	65
Schlumberger	64	64
Scott Paper	32	32
Seagram	25	25
Sears Roebuck	55	55
Shell Trans	60	60
Sherwin Wlms	35	35
Skyline Corp	16	17
Snap-On-Tools	38	39
Southern Co	45	45
Sthwestern Bell	43	43
Sprint Corp	37	37
Stanley Works	40	40
Sun Company	28	29
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	17	17
Sysco Corp	27	27
TRW Inc	66	66
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	36	36
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	26	26
Temple Inland	41	41
Tenneco	52	51
Texaco	66	66
Texas Inst	77	79
Texas Utilities	46	46
Textron	57	57
Time Warner	42	42
Times-Mirror	29	29
Timken	30	31
Torchmark	57	57
Toys R Us	36	37
Transamerica	57	60
Travelers Corp	38	39
Tribune	53	53
Tyco Labs	42	42
UAL Corp	145	144
UST Inc	27	27
USX Marathon	19	19
Unilever NV	108	109
Union Camp	41	41
Union Carbide	19	19
Union Pacific	62	62
Unisys Corp	11	12
USAir Group	12	12
USF&G Corp	16	16
US Life	41	41
US West	46	48
United Tech	55	55
Unocal Corp	27	27
Upjohn	29	28
VF Corp	44	44
WMX Tech	31	31
Wal-Mart Stores	24	24
Warner-Lambert	65	66
Wells Fargo	127	127
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	40	40
Whirlpool	59	59
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	59	59
Woolworth	26	25
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45	45
Xerox	73	73

RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	101	-2
Bakyrchik (120)	130	...
Beta Viet Nam Units	£40¼	...
Crockfords (90)	95	...
Explaura A	3¾	...
For & Col Special Inc	69	...
For & Col Spl Capital	42	...
For & Col Spl Units	111	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap	78	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap Wts	14	...
Nouvelle A	5¼	...
Select Industries	9½	...
Shield Diagnostics (112)	105	+2
VHE Holdings (115)	118	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Albrighton n/p (17)	¼	-¼
Appleyard n/p (130)	9	+3
Cadbury Schw n/p (400)	54	+5
JIB Group n/p (150)	20	...
MB-Caradon n/p (260)	59	+1
Perry Group n/p (160)	21	-1
Quarto n/p (225)	57	-1
Tarmac n/p (120)	18½	-1
Wates City of Lond n/p (72)	5½	-1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Regent Inns	190p (+11p)
SA Breweries	996p (+23p)
Independent	375p (+12p)
BICC	438p (+11p)
Cable & Wireless	890p (+23p)
Sothebys	788p (+25p)
Adwest	183p (+11p)
FALLS:	
Whitbread 'A'	529p (-12p)
Glaxo	621p (-12p)
Mitel	528p (-35p)
Lec Refrig	240p (-13p)
British Aerospace	420p (-10p)
Kwik Save	657p (-10p)
Merrydown W	263p (-10p)
Scot & New	459p (-11p)
Rothmans 'B'	635p (-11p)
Hogg Group	172p (-39p)
Kode	158p (-17p)
Wellcome	684p (-10½p)
Kingfisher	660p (-9p)

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LEGAL NOTICES

MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE OF THE MEETING TO WIND UP
BATHO, TAYLOR & OGDEN LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS on 30 September 1993 at 10.00 am to consider the *following special resolutions:*

1. That the company be wound up by way of a Members' Voluntary Liquidation and that Anthony John Patrick Brereton and Ian Clifford Powell of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS are hereby appointed as its liquidators and the powers of the liquidators may be exercised by either independently or the other and if resolution 1 is passed to consider the following extraordinary resolutions

2. That the liquidators shall have the powers set out in Part I of Schedule 4 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

3. That the liquidators are authorised to distribute surplus assets in specie to the shareholders.

Dated: 6 September 1993
By order of the Board
A Hartell, Secretary.

Notes

1. Preference shareholders are entitled to receive notice of this meeting and to vote on the above resolutions.

2. The powers in resolution 2 are those given to a liquidator by the Insolvency Act 1986 to compromise with debtors and creditors and to pay creditors in full, but which require confirmation by an extraordinary resolution of the shareholders to the company.

3. A shareholder who is entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote for him. The person who is given the proxy need not be a shareholder.

4. There is no legal obligation on a shareholder to return the proxy before the meeting, but it would assist the proposed liquidators if they could be returned completed and signed to Mr I C Powell, at York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS by 29 September 1993.

MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE OF THE MEETING TO WIND UP
EVERETT & WEAR LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS on 30 September 1993 at 10.15 am to consider the *following special resolutions:*

1. That the company be wound up by way of a Members' Voluntary Liquidation and that Anthony John Patrick Brereton and Ian Clifford Powell of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS are hereby appointed as its liquidators and the powers of the liquidators may be exercised by either independently of the other and if resolution 1 is passed to consider the *following* extraordinary resolutions.

2. That the liquidators shall have the powers set out in Part I of Schedule 4 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

3. That the liquidators are authorised to distribute surplus assets in specie to the shareholders.

Dated: 6 September 1993
By order of the Board
A Hartell, Secretary.

Notes

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2. The powers in resolution 2 are those given to a liquidator by the Insolvency Act 1986 to compromise with debtors and creditors and to pay creditors in full, but which require confirmation by an extraordinary resolution of the shareholders to the company.

3. A shareholder who is entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote for him. The person who is given the proxy need not be a shareholder.

4. There is no legal obligation on a shareholder to return the proxy before the meeting, but it would assist the proposed liquidators if they could be returned completed and signed to Mr I C Powell, at York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS by 29 September 1993.

MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE OF THE MEETING TO WIND UP
HYVOGUE LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of the above company will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS on 30 September 1993 at 10.30 am to consider the following special resolutions:

1. That the company be wound up by way of a Members' Voluntary Liquidation and that Anthony John Patrick Brereton and Ian Clifford Powell of Price Waterhouse, York House, York Street, Manchester M2 4WS are hereby appointed as its liquidators and the powers of the liquidators may be exercised by either independently of the other and if resolution 1 is passed to consider the following extraordinary resolutions.

2. That the liquidators shall have the powers set out in Part I of Schedule 4 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

3. That the liquidators are authorised to distribute surplus assets in specie to the shareholders.

Dated. 6 September 1993
By order of the Board
K L Briddock, Secretary.

Notes

1. Preference shareholders are entitled to receive notice of this meeting and to vote on the above resolutions.

2. The powers in resolution 2 are those given to a liquidator by the Insolvency Act 1986 to compromise with debtors and creditors and to pay creditors in full, but which require confirmation by an extraordinary resolution of the shareholders to the company.

3. A shareholder who is entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote for him. The person who is given the proxy need not be a shareholder.

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THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Elgar Gate
EMT International Limited

Registered number: 2699 481. Former company name: Field Projects Limited. Trading names: Elgar Machine Tools, Gate Machinery, Gate International. Trade classification: 7. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 24 September 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Elliott Industries Limited. Administrative Receiver: Alan John Barrett (office holder no: 1046). Address: No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 and IN THE MATTERS OF ROPER LACE (MANUFACTURING) LIMITED AND ROPER LACE (FACTORY) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the UNSECURED CREDITORS will be held at Price Waterhouse Victoria House 76 Milton Street Nottingham NG1 3QY on 18 October 1993 at 10.00 am for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and process of the receiverships together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Please note that a person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if the provisions of Rule 3.11(1) Insolvency Rules 1986 have been complied with, namely that:

(a) he has given to the receiver not later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provision of Rule 3.11(2)-(7) and

(b) there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.

Dated this 24th day of September 1993.
R J Rees
Joint Administrative Receiver

WASTE MANAGEMENT OVERSEAS LIMITED
(In Members Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS On 20 September 1993 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman and Anthony William Brierley of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, were appointed Joint Liquidators by the Members.

The Joint Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman c/o Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 19 November 1993.

The Joint Liquidators also give notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 20 December 1993 they intend to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 20 November 1993 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.

The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Dated 23rd September 1993
M. Fishman, Joint Liquidator

THE CHILDREN'S MAGAZINE COMPANY LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11.2 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 that a first and final dividend will be paid within a period of four months from the last date for proving. The last date for creditors to prove their claims in the liquidation is 22 October 1993.

Creditors of the above named Company should send their addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their debt or claims to the undersigned, S.D. Swaden, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co, P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF. Under Rule 11.2(2) a Liquidator is not obliged to deal with claims lodged after the date of proving.
Dated this 27 day of September 1993
S D Swaden, Liquidator.

TRULY CLASSIFIED LIMITED TRADING AS CREED
The Insolvency Act 1986

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Dated the 27th September 1993
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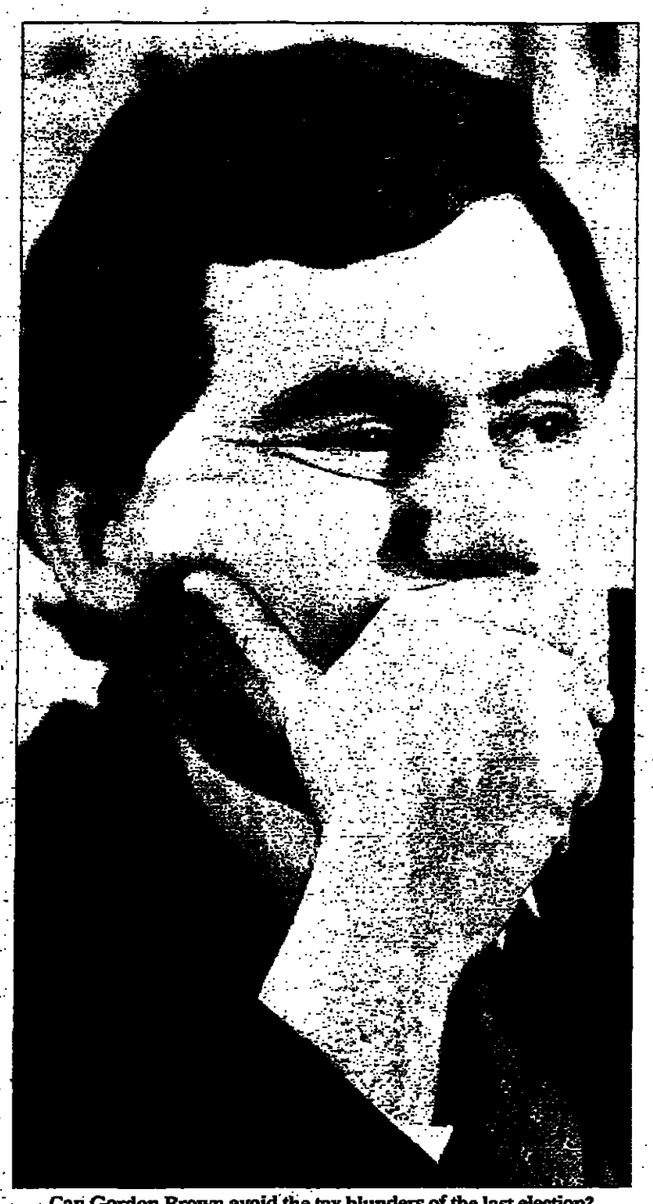
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ECONOMIC VIEW

Labour must convince voters economy is safe in its hands

Anatole Kaletsky believes John Smith would be foolish to rely on Tory incompetence to persuade the electorate to vote Labour



Can Gordon Brown avoid the tax blunders of the last election?

Poor John Smith. Who could blame him for a lack of new policy ideas, when he and everyone else in Brighton had their minds on something completely different? In the short term, the Labour party's future seemed to depend on events outside Mr Smith's control: not only the vote on the trades union link but, even more importantly, the battle in the Conservative party which will continue in Blackpool next week.

If the Tories rally around John Major, Mr Smith will have an excellent chance of getting to Downing Street, simply by sounding sensible and offending no one. If, on the other hand, the speculation against Mr Major now accelerates into the kind of unstoppable, self-reinforcing sell-off which typically marks the climax of political, as much as financial, boom-bust cycles, Kenneth Clarke will soon be prime minister. Labour's hope of rising effortlessly to power on a tide of contempt for the government will then be dashed. Since the one consistent policy in the Tories' 300-years history has been self-preservation, they seem likelier to choose the latter course. If so, Labour will have to go back to the drawing board for the third new electoral strategy in five years.

Central to this strategy will be economics. This is not because voters care only about their wallets, or even because they pay more attention to economics than to issues such as leadership and the quality of public services. It is because politicians who do not understand economics cannot successfully run any aspect of government for very long — a maxim eloquently confirmed by the sense of universal incompetence that descended on the cabinet after White Wednesday.

Judging by the speeches and corridor gossip in Brighton, Mr Smith and Gordon Brown, his successor as shadow Chancellor, now fully realise that *they lost the general election because* there was something wrong with their economic policies. It is far less clear, that Labour leaders understand *where* their economics went wrong.

Most still believe that the main reasons for failure lay in Mr Smith's tax proposals, and especially the way Tory propagandists managed to distort a plan that would hit only the upper middle classes, into a threat of high taxation against the crucial skilled manual workers, known to psephologists as "the C2s".

From this diagnosis, Labour distils a three-part prescription. First, it must emphasise the Tories' mendacity on fiscal matters, as well as their record of raising indirect taxes. Second, the public must be reassured that Labour will *not* raise taxation "for its own sake". Finally, if more revenue is needed (and all Labour politicians assume it will be), new taxes must be aimed even more clearly at the rich, and be even more emphatically redistributive, than those proposed in 1992.

While the first ingredient in this prescription is clearly a useful tonic, the second is just a placebo; the third is a very dangerous drug indeed. More importantly, the whole approach that puts taxes at the centre Labour's review of economic strategy is misconceived.

Taxes attracted so much attention before the last election not because they were inherently important to voters, but because tax rises were the *only* distinctive economic policy that Labour offered. Given that the election was held in the trough of the worst recession for 50 years (at least in the South), economic policy was bound to be decisive for many voters. Since higher taxes were the only choice on offer, they naturally loomed much larger than if Labour had offered a comprehensive alternative to Tory economic policies. To put it bluntly, Labour failed to address the one economic issue that really mattered — unemployment — and attention shifted to the secondary issue of taxes.

The miscalculations made by Mr Smith and his advisers about the social impact of his higher taxes amplified the political damage. They not only scared off millions of middle class voters; they also cast doubt on Labour's general economic competence. To make matters worse, Mr Smith then foreclosed the one possible line of escape from his fiscal blunders. This would have been to justify the higher taxes by explaining that the money was needed for some urgent and popular national goals. Had he promised to spend his new revenues to health, education, the relief of poverty or even public transport, many middle class taxpayers might have cheerfully paid up. But by committing the money to largely symbolic and untargeted income redistribution through pensions and child benefits, he lost that chance.

This last choice — to give priority to income redistribution, rather than improving the public services — was no mere tactical matter, but a decision of huge ideological importance which Labour is now beginning to re-assess. The longest, and most constructive, section of Mr Smith's main policy speech on Tuesday was about the restoration of public services and the limits of the market. Carving out appropriate areas for social action, to be governed by democratic principles rather than pure profit motives, is the essence of modern social democracy. Whether or not one agrees with Mr Smith's conclusions about the right boundaries between the private and public spheres, this is what the political debate should be all about.

However, a serious debate on such deep political issues is unlikely to start until Labour can convince the public that it understands how to manage a market economy and deal with the broad issues of growth, inflation and, above all, unemployment. Given economic recovery and the likelihood of a new Tory leader, Mr Smith would be as foolish to rely on Mr Major's incompetence in this area as Neil Kinnock was to put his faith in Margaret Thatcher's unpopularity after the poll tax.

Yet when it comes to macroeconomics, Labour's past blunders have been only been superficially considered, and have certainly not been resolved, in recent policy reviews. Formally, the party may be questioning its disastrous flirtation with Euro-monetarism, but its instinctive desire to "manage" an overvalued exchange rate and "co-ordinate" policy with the deflationist governments of continental Europe, shows no sign of waning. Worse still, *there seems to be no recognition of the* need to combine monetary and fiscal policies to manage demand and promote growth and employment in the short term, with the supply-side policies which can help to maintain long-term growth and control inflation.

Instead, Mr Brown ignores the aggressively expansionary monetary policy which offers the only possible way of accelerating growth in the short-term. Mr Smith then compounds his errors — and reveals a lack of economic understanding — by promising new labour market controls which would push unemployment *up*.

Politically, Mr Smith is right to renew Labour's commitment to full employment and Mr Brown is right to advocate targets for growth, as well as inflation. But they show no sign of knowing how to achieve their goals.

TEMPUS

Cellar's market

FOR all its faults, Grand Metropolitan has a habit of pulling off some impressive disposals. The £1.3 billion it raised from the sale of Intercontinental Hotels in 1988 was impressive even at the time, when hotels were fetching stratospheric prices. As hotel values have since plunged ever lower, it is clear that the deal was timed to perfection.

Similarly, the sale of Chef & Brewer extricates the group from a nasty debt squeeze and reopens its horizons in time to capitalise on any economic recovery. If two major brewers were scapping for the honour of paying £570,000 apiece for a tired collection of pubs, who was Sir Allen Sheppard to complain? With debts down to £2.4 billion, GrandMet can again contemplate in-fill acquisitions such as Glen Ellen without straining its internal cash generation. Scottish & Newcastle has paid dearly to come south. The up-front cost is high enough on its own, but S&N also faces the task of refurbishing many of Chef & Brewer's run-down premises; its £30 million estimate sounds distinctly conservative. The group will struggle to ensure that the deal will not dilute earnings next year, particularly since it cannot sell its beers in the estate until 1995.

One sympathises with Brian Stewart's belief that Chef & Brewer was the last frontier in pub retailing, and it is certainly a quantum leap in the group's development. But S&N's gearing will start at 42 per cent after the deal and the rights issue, before provisions which are likely to be large, so it is tempting to believe that S&N is taking on more than it can handle. Given GrandMet's record as a seller of businesses, the buyer should beware.

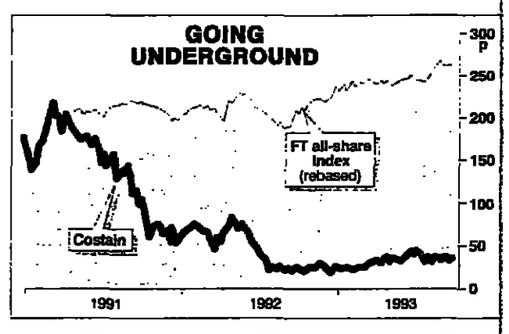
Costain

COSTAIN desperately needs to find a growth business and the decision to spend money on coalmining looks more like a strategy arrived at by default rather than long-term planning. Having sold off the Australian mines, housing and commercial property, Costain "is" left with a construction business and an American coal operation with a book value of £210 million and, one presumes, no buyer for either at a sensible price.

Currently yielding a lower than average return on assets, Costain hopes to more than double returns from coal by 1995 with a $130 million investment.

Shareholders who are being asked to bankroll Costain by taking shares at 30p will have painful memories of the company's 155p rights issue price in 1991. Bankers swallowed most of that cash then, as they will this time, but Costain may finally have a future.

The half-year figures show sharply improved construction margins due to the higher proportion of overseas business. Costain has a good reputation in the higher added-value areas of tunnelling and oil and gas. Without too many hiccups, the company should make a small profit in 1994. However, the dearth of domestic business means it needs to win international contracts against increasing competition. A theoretical ex-rights price of 33p looks cheap on some forecasts of £30 million in 1995, but we have been there before.



Pentos

THE most ominous aspect of Pentos's half-year figures was the group's refusal to publish its balance sheet despite the City's growing fears about the retailer's financial position. Considering the deterioration in profitability and the cash demand of the store opening programme, debts could have easily topped £60 million in June, the seasonal high, causing near-100 per cent gearing.

At the heart of Pentos lie two successful retail chains, Dillons and Rymans, but the group's new chairman and chief executive will have to work hard to unlock their potential. A refinancing looks inevitable, perhaps with a high-coupon preference share issue. Then must come the sale of office furniture and a solution for Athena, Pentos's lamest duck.

After that, the new management must attack the insupportable cost base. Rents in particular are too high since Pentos has paid high prices for prime retail sites, increasing its annual occupancy expenses by £9 million in the last four years.

Pentos must also regain the City's confidence, which requires an overhaul of its much-criticised accounting practices. Profits have been enhanced in past years by a relaxed depreciation policy and lump sum payments from the landlords of its new stores. Reversing these will not come cheap, and shareholders should brace themselves for massive 1993 reported losses if the new chief executive decides, as he should, to clear the decks.

At 46p, the share price reflects the City's cynicism of Pentos's current predicament, and its uncertain future. The shares are high risk but could bounce if the new management finds a way forward or if a predator decides Dillons' franchise is too tempting to resist at this price.

Central TV

THE cash machine at the heart of Central Television looks primed to perfection. Even on the most pessimistic basis the group ended the half year with net debts of only £2.7 million, counting the group's convertible Eurobond as debt and subtracting the £7.4 million dividend payment that was held over until July 1. This was despite buying its head office and investing in Meridian and ITN during the half.

Central's unresolved dilemma is what to do with its financial strength. In a perfect world, the group would dearly love to expand its franchise by buying HTV or Anglia, but there seems little chance that the franchise restrictions will be lifted in the *near future to allow this.*

Even if they did, shares in the vulnerable TV companies are now so highly rated that a takeover would be foolishly expensive. Central talks about buying film libraries like Korda, but they are rare and unlikely to occupy much of the group's time or resources. By issuing its £27.7 million convertible last April, Central freed cash of more than £30 million so it can react quickly when it sees what it wants. But opportunity may not knock for a while. For now, Pentos should reduce its 2.5 times dividend cover so its shareholders can share in its growing wealth.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

American by proxy

SIR Francis McWilliams's successor as Lord Mayor of London was chosen yesterday — and he works for the Americans. This, I hasten to add, is a mere oversight; for Paul Newall, a senior adviser at Lehman Brothers, has a background steeped in City tradition. An old Harrovian, he began his career with Cazenove and was in turn seconded to Durlachers, then the largest jobbing firm. Starting as a blue button, and rising to become the firm's economist, he switched allegiance to the US in the sixties, passing the New York Stock Exchange *exam and trying his hand at* institutional broking. He became a partner of Loeb Rhoades, a New York investment banker that evolved into Lehman Brothers. There is an element of sleight-of-hand in all this, for, despite appearances, Newall has never actually been based in America. He will be admitted as Lord Mayor on November 12.

Day tripper

DRINKS sector buffs have been poring over a BZW research paper based on a survey of 600 people on cross-Channel ferries stocking up with cheap French beer and wine. Apart from the shock of reading that the government is losing £100 million a year in VAT and duty on beer and £175 million on wine and spirits, one wonders how BZW compiled its statistics. The answer rests with Giles Worthington, an Oxford undergraduate, who made 50 cross-Channel trips in two weeks to *assess spending patterns.* "Giles wrote to BZW asking about summer work," said Jonathan Goble, the firm's drink analyst. "We gave him some."



SCREECHES of delight have echoed from the worldwide offices of Gucci, the luxury goods group, in a delayed reaction to the historic peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. It seems President Clinton, taking centre-stage in most photographs of "that" handshake, is wearing a Gucci tie — worth all of £55. Suitably inspired, Gucci has offered to kit out Yassir Arafat with a range of its £120-a-piece headscarfs — topical stuff, considering that only this week, it passed into the hands of Investcorp, which is backed by Saudi investors.

Stage-struck

HIGH jinks last night when partners and staff of Linklaters & Paines, the solicitor, took to the stage for an evening of sketches, dubbed *Legal Weapon.* About 40 employees plunged in with zeal, none more so than John Phipson, a senior corporate partner who bravely appeared in nothing more than a tutu and tights. Other highlights included a version of a popular Beatles' tune called *All You Need is Law.* For anyone who feels up to it, the show goes on tonight at 7pm at Barrington House. Tickets cost £4, with the proceeds going to the Stepney Children's Fund and the HIV unit at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Musical chairs

NOMURA has hired Jim Durkin, top-rated UK equity salesman at Williams de Broë, as UK equity sales director under Jim Anderson. Durkin, 33, spent eight years at de Broë after researching engineering and motors for Simon & Coates, and is chiefly remembered for having shares in three racehorses — all winners. But a double blow for Schroder Securities, with Ivor Farman quitting to join BNP Capital Markets as senior French analyst, and Stephen Swift switching to European sales at Kleinwort Benson.

News agency

WHAT is going on at GrandMet? Hardly a day passes without yet another story from the food and drinks group. It may have its brand strategy worked out, but its communication strategy seems to be in disarray if the past week is anything to go by. The group has made five big announcements ranging from the appointment of a new chief executive to yesterday's sale of its Chef & Brewer pub chain. As the press releases and headlines pile up, one can't help thinking it would have been easier to combine some of the stories. Who knows what tomorrow will bring?

CLEARLY taken aback by the glasnost displayed by Kenneth Clarke, our still newish Chancellor, on government thinking concerning taxation in the run-up to the November Budget, Howard Davies, the CBI director general, yesterday revealed he had actually considered having his own Budget submissions to the Treasury kept secret, by way of contrast. Davies, who served at the Treasury in his youth, is obviously having difficulty coming to terms with the absence of purdah in Whitehall nowadays.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Amstrad's new course bodes well

From Mr Gideon Fiegel

Sir, The news of a renewed Amstrad is music to the ears of the many of Amstrad's shareholders who last year prevented Mr Sugar's attempt to take the company private. The share price, which has been rising since January, has been a clear vindication of our action. In my letter to Business News dated November 12, 1992, I emphasised the need for modern and imaginative professional management for Amstrad. It is extremely gratifying that Mr Sugar has reached the same conclusion and is taking the company down that path, which, hopefully, will be enhanced by a reasonable dividend. This should go a long way to erase last year's painful episode from the minds of the shareholders. Mr Sugar has had, in the past, a loyal following amongst his shareholders, who remained loyal to him even when the company's fortunes were at a low ebb. One can only hope that loyalty will return if he will finally understand that those who purchase the company's shares and support him are not all "ignorant punters".

Shareholders will be looking forward to the AGM with interest.

Yours faithfully,
G. G. FIEGEL,
55 Blockley Road,
Wembley, Middlesex.

Pay up on time

From Mr A. J. Westall

Sir, A recent article by Lord Alexander of Weedon QC extolled the virtue of settling debts on time and made a strong case for interest to run on overdue contractual sums.

It is my experience over some years of professional practice, that bank managers *when faced with customers* seeking increased facilities frequently recommend increasing payment days so as to restrain borrowing.

I suggest banks should coordinate their influence behind the British Chambers of Commerce and other business and *trade organisations to achieve* a change in the law so as to oblige debtors to meet obligations on time or suffer the consequences. More order and stability in our trading environment would surely ensue.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. WESTALL,
Grant Thornton,
Chartered Accountants,
Mayflower Street,
Plymouth, Devon.

Money making idea

From Dr M. J. Kinch,

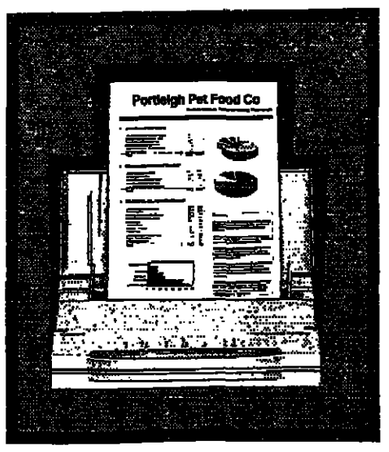
Sir, *May I suggest another* angle from which to view the subject of interest rates and capital depreciation as they affect the private investor?

When I invest a capital sum in a bank or building society, I am buying a factory. This factory manufactures £10 *notes. Once these have started* flowing out I am not really concerned with the book value of the factory itself because I do not plan to sell it. The only thing that matters is that it keeps on producing £10 notes. I am much happier when it makes lots of £10 notes than *when it makes only a few;* the fact that its worth goes down when its productivity goes up and vice versa is immaterial.

To use another analogy, the owner of a goose that lays golden eggs should be more aware of the price of gold than the scrap value of geese.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. KINCH,
32a Chiltern Road,
Hitchin, Herts.

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Fiat's £2.1bn shake-up puts Milan bourse under pressure



Agnelli: staying on

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE decision by Fiat, the largest private-sector company in Italy, to undertake the biggest recapitalisation in the country's history, reshape its shareholder structure, and reinforce its corporate alliances, won it handsome praise in the Italian media.

But on the Milan bourse, where Fiat accounts for 27 per cent of the total market capitalisation of listed companies, the response yesterday was a thumbs down. Fiat shares slumped in what dealers saw as alarm over the huge cash call the loss-making carmaker and industrial group announced after market hours on Wednesday. The cash-raising package for 5,000 billion lire (£2.1 billion), plus the group's first half pre-tax loss of L966 billion, surprised dealers by their sheer size and are expected to keep Milan, Italy's premier bourse, under pressure for some time. The L3,235 billion to be raised through a two-for-three rights issue at L2,000 came as a particular shock.

Fiat ordninary shares shed more than 7 per cent immediately after the market opened yesterday, but managed to regain some ground during the morning. In New York, Fiat shares fell in response to the heavily discounted rights issue, dragging other Italian stocks with them, having fallen L326 to L5,600 in Milan.

Sources of concern for the bourse also included other key elements contained in the welter of company announcements on Wednesday. The formation of a controlling syndicate by IFI and IFIL, Fiat's holding companies, with Deutsche Bank of Germany, France's Alcatel, Assicurazioni Generali (Italy's leading insurance group) and Mediobanca (the Italian bank) had stock market analysts worried.

Together with the 20 per cent held directly by the Agnelli family, which founded and still controls Fiat, the syndicate will command 30 per cent of Fiat's capital. At present, 48 per cent of the ordinary shares are traded on the stock market. Some market watchers said Agnellis might not be intending to take up the whole rights issue.

But an Agnelli company is making a tender offer for shares in La Rinascente, in which Fiat holds almost 58 per cent. The deal, which has to be authorised by the regulatory authorities, was seen as a possible sign that the L4,000 billion Fiat was asking could not be found by an outside buyer.

Il Sole 24 Ore, Italy's leading financial newspaper, waxed lyrical about the Fiat moves, calling them "milestones" in stock market history. By diluting the control of the Agnelli family, which will still have ultimate control over about 35 per cent of the shares, Fiat will be in a position to continue alone without having to form a carmaking alliance with another producer.

Despite its first-half pre-tax loss of L966 billion and no end in sight to the recession gripping the continetal European car industry, the radical moves Fiat has made could put the company in a stronger position when the upturn arrives. After a run of bad years, which have seen its share of the European car market drop to 12 per cent, Fiat is preparing the fightback.

A Fiat spokesman said yesterday that the cash call will allow the company to reduce its debts and continue its investment programme, in contrast to other European carmakers which have been paring back investment sharply. By the end of the nineties, Fiat plans to spend L40,000 billion on new cars and leading-edge production methods. The Punto, its new small car in which great hopes are invested, goes on sale in Italy, Germany and France in November.

Giovanni Agnelli, the Fiat chairman and scion of the Agnelli dynasty, has, significantly, decided to remain as chairman of the group until 1996 at least, instead of stepping down as planned next year. Cesare Romiti, his chief executive, is staying too, resolving the succession issue for the period in which Fiat hopes to achieve the turnround.

Giorgio Garuzzo, the group's chief operating officer, told a group of British reporters last weekend that Fiat still considers itself primarily an "automotive" group and is determined to be among the survivors in the present world shakeout.

Costain in £84m rights to cut debt and invest in US

BY CARL MORTISHED

■ One of Britain's best-known builders is pulling itself back from the brink by raising cash from its battered shareholders after hefty disposals have reshaped the group

COSTAIN, the construction group, is asking shareholders for £84 million to reduce borrowings of £205 million and provide funds for investment in the group's US coal mining activities. The heavy five-for-four rights issue was launched as the group reported a rise in operating profit from £2.7 million to £7.9 million for the half year to June 30.

In 1993, Costain plunged into losses of £149 million, causing it to breach covenants on its bank facilities. Since then it has sold its housing division for £23 million and its Australian coal mining business for £198 million, including debt. Recovery hopes sent Costain's share price rising 4½p to 37½p, ahead of the 30p rights issue price which has been struck at a discount of 3p to Tuesday's close.

Yesterday's cash call follows a £77 million rights issue in April 1991 and a programme of asset sales, including the sale of the bulk of the commercial property portfolio in the same year for £101 million and the recent Australian coal mining and housing division disposals for £222 million.

Sir Christopher Benson, chairman, said the foundations had been laid for a substantial improvement in the group's profitability and cash generation, but said: "The board is under no illusions about the continuing difficult trading conditions." Costain did not pay a dividend last year and the company expects no payout to shareholders until 1995. Losses in previous years have left Costain with a deficit on its profit and loss account which needs to be eliminated before dividends can be resumed.

The rights issue proceeds will reduce the burden of interest payments that cost the company £13 million in the first half, more than the total trading profit on continuing operations. Pre-tax profit for the period was up to £69 million from £2.5 million last time after a profit of £68.5 million was credited on the Australian mining sale.

Alan Lovell, finance director, said the construction division had been losing business in the UK due to its weakened balance sheet. "Other competitors have already had rights issues and have been taking advantage," he said. The new money will reduce gearing to a pro forma 51 per cent and will also provide cash for a planned £130 million investment in US coal mining.

In the six months to June, the mining division's £200 million of assets generated £5 million in interim profits but Costain expects to see its return on assets rise from 5.5 per cent to 12.5 per cent by 1995 folowing the investment.

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Terry Waite, the former Middle East hostage, with Tim Hely Hutchinson yesterday

Medeva's fate could hinge on patent case

BY OUR CITY STAFF

MEDEVA, the pharmaceuticals group that has had to weather a troubled summer since a profits warning in July, faces a further test next week in the High Court. It has to defend the patent on its most important development drug.

Hepa-Gene-3, a genetically engineered hepatitis B vaccine, is seen by analysts as Medeva's best prospect and is central to its aim of replacing a former policy of rapid acquisitions by organic growth.

But Biogen, of the US, argues that Medeva's patent infringes its own rights to hepatitis B technology. The High Court hearing on the claim starts on Monday and is likely to last two weeks. A ruling is expected by the year end.

Analysts say Medeva must win the case to rebuild investors' confidence after a string of mishaps. The company was once the star of the sector, but its share price halved after the profits warning.

Medeva suffered another blow this month when the US Food and Drug Administration failed to set guidelines that would have allowed it to market a generic version of Glaxo's best-selling Ventolin asthma inhaler.

Its heart drug Carbicarb also faces approval delays in the US and acquisitions are off the agenda for the foreseeable future, so everything hangs on Hepa-Gene-3, according to Mark Clark, pharmaceuticals analyst at Nomura Research. "This court case is vital," he says. "It is the last throw of the dice."

Medeva acquired Hepa-Gene-3 for an initial £3.86 million in 1992 and is liable to pay up to a further £6.3 million, depending on marketing authorisation in various countries.

Potentially, the vaccine is a big money-spinner. Analysts believe it offers better protection than existing hepatitis B vaccines. It could therefore make a big dent in a market already worth $800 million a year and growing fast as more governments make vaccinations mandatory.

The market is currently dominated by two drugs based on Biogen know-how — SmithKline Beecham's market-leader Engerix B, and Merck's Recombivax. Though Hepa-Gene-3 is produced using a different process, Biogen argues that its patent is sufficiently broad to make development of the competitor an infringement.

The Biogen patent was revoked by the European Patent Office (EPO) last year, suggesting that Medeva has a strong case, but analysts note that the UK court is not obliged to accept the EPO's decision. Whatever the outcome, both sides have the right to appeal.

Medeva says it was aware of the legal hurdles when it acquired the rights to the vaccine last year, but believed the risk was worth taking, given the product's potential.

Hodder Headline gives VAT warning

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

HODDER Headline, the publishing group formed after the takeover in June of the 125-year-old firm, Hodder & Stoughton, by the seven-year old Headline group, has given warning that any extension of VAT on to books would impact sales and be "a huge administrative nuisance".

Tim Hely Hutchinson, chief executive, issued the warning after announcing that in the six months to the end of June Hodder Headline made pre-tax profits of £570,000 (£604,000), although profits before the costs of the merger, which saw the group treble in size, rose 25 per cent to £758,000.

Mr Hely Hutchinson said that if the Chancellor extended VAT into the book publishing world in his forthcoming Budget it "would only raise about £100 million a year and penalise groups like students and pensioners who need books but who are not wealthy."

He said that Hodder's publishing operating profits had risen by a third, with both retail and book club markets more buoyant than they were last year.

The interim dividend rises 10 per cent to 1.65p on earnings per share down to 3.1p against 3.6p last time.

Since the acquisition, Hodder Headline has announced that 175 jobs will go, which together with other overhead cuts, will produce annualised savings of £4.5 million, added the chief executive.

He said that *Taken On Trust*, Mr Waite's new book, had already sold 100,000 copies since last week's launch and "promises to be a monstrous bestseller".

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

ACORN COMPUTER (Int)
Pre-tax: £305,000
EPS: 0.5p (0.8p)
Div: Nil
Last time's profit was £511,000. Turnover rose to £23.6m (£21.2m). Group said it can look forward to the future with confidence.

BLOCKLEYS (Int)
Pre-tax: £261,000
EPS: 0.71p (0.99p)
Div: 0.5p (0.5p)
Last time's profit was £410,000. Turnover fell to £4.75m (£5.15m). Sales volumes showed a small rise, but margins came under pressure.

DENCORA (Int)
Pre-tax: £370,000
EPS: 1.6p (0.2p)
Div: Nil
There was a loss of £28,000 last time. Rental income climbed to £4.57m (£4.32m). Total turnover advanced to £10.4m (£8.27m).

FRANK USHER HLDGS
Pre-tax: £1.22m (£1.07m)
EPS: 11.3p (10.2p)
Div: 3.5p, mkg 6p (5p)
Final results. Turnover increased to £17.6m (£15.6m). Company said its spring/summer 1994 collection currently shows very strong orders.

REGENT INNS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.34m
EPS: 10.5p (7.8p)
Div: 2.25p, mkg 4.5p
Last time's profit was £913,000. Last time's total dividend was 2p. Turnover rose to £13m (£11.9m). The current year has started well.

IPECO HLDGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.57m (£1.82m)
EPS: 3.80p (4.42p)
Div: 1.3p (1.3p)
Turnover rose to £10.6m (£10.1m). With aerospace likely to remain subdued, group thinks second half is unlikely to match the first half.

LINCAT GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.39m
EPS: 14.0p (8.2p)
Div: 4p, mkg 6p (5.1p)
Last time's profit was £810,000. Turnover rose to £14.1m (£11.7m). Gearing is reduced to 27% (51%). Company expects further progress.

CAPITAL INDUSTRIES
Pre-tax: £2.41m
EPS: 6.9p (3.6p)
Div: 2.0p (1.6p)
Interim results. Last time's profit was £988,000. Turnover, boosted by acquisition, advanced to £34.6m (£12.4m). Gearing rose to 93%.

WILLIAM BEDFORD (Int)
Pre-tax: £10,898 loss
LPS: 0.2p (0.5p)
Div: Nil
Last time's loss was £21,731. Turnover declined to £651,556 (£914,179). Group does not expect to recommend a final dividend.

QUAYLE MUNRO HLDGS
Pre-tax: £540,000
EPS: 3.71p (5.88p)
Div: 3p, mkg 6p
Figures shown are for the 10 months to end-June. Comparatives are for previous year. Last time's taxable revenue amounted to £1.15m.

RICHARDS GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £62,000
EPS: 0.55p (2.29p)
Div: 1p (1.65p)
Last time's profit was £256,000. Turnover rose to £6.38m (£5.54m). Group said it expects the recovery to continue in the second half.

Loss hits shares at Penna

SHARES in Penna, the USM-quoted owner of the Sanders & Sidney outplacement consultancy, dived 35p to 130p on news that the group would report a "modest loss" before tax for the first half to end-September.

The company said revenues in the second quarter of the current financial year have continued at the reduced levels experienced in the first three months' trading.

It said: "Cost reduction measures are in hand to reduce fixed overheads to levels more appropriate to present revenues."

The trading statement added that the board remains committed to its strategy of developing its outplacement services, and marketing programmes are being sustained. Penna's balance sheet remained strong, and the business was cash-positive.

PowerGen to close generators

POWERGEN, the smaller of the two electricity generators, is shutting 330MW of plant in a move which will complete the closure of two of its power stations, and mean the loss of 120 jobs.

The coal-fired Castle Donington plant near Derby and the gas oil-fired Watford station will both cease generation at the end of next March and will close completely from the end of September 1994.

The jobs will be lost at the Derby site. The closure of the station's final two units — with a combined output of 210MW — will mean an end to 37 years of generation at the site. In its early days, it was the largest operating power station in Europe. PowerGen said it expects the reduction in staff to be achieved by early retirement, voluntary severance and internal and external redeployment.

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Shares drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 20. Dealings end October 1. §Contango day October 4. Settlement day October 11. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	411	-1	11.5	3.5	15.8
284	179	Allied Irish	267	+2	...	3.9	14.4
197½	130	Aus New Z	171	+3	...	5.1	...
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	2962¼	-75	...	...	...
256	177	Bk of Ireland	258	+1	...	4.8	20.0
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	12.0	6.2	...
176	116½	Bank Scotland	170	-2	4.5	3.4	33.9
517	362	Barclays	515	+8	...	...	...
4¼	2	Benchmark	3¾	...	...	...	...
22	15½	Cardiff	21	-¼	...	...	...
577	395	Cater Allen	576	+2	27.0	5.9	...
153	85	Cattles	142	+1	...	3.7	18.0
2475	1787½	Chase Manh	2462½	-9½	...	...	...
2512½	1343½	Citicorp	2512½	+62½	...	...	...
435	250	Close Bros	428	-3	11.0	3.3	—
£130¼	9275	Commerzbk	£128¼	...	...	3.2	...
£319¼	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£319¼	+171¼	...	1.9	...
95	65	First Nat Fin	91	...	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1481	...	...	0.4	...
503	343	Gerrard Nat	501	+7	21.5	5.4	13.3
774	490	HSBC	699	+6	19.0	3.4	16.2
752	474	HSBC HK	691	+9	19.0	3.4	16.5
389	243	Hambros	375	...	14.0	4.7	17.3
418	313	Joseph (L)	416	...	16.6	5.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	140	...	9.0	7.9	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	475	...	16.8	4.2	26.5
591	492	Lloyds	571	+3	18.4	4.0	16.3
116	63	Lon Scot Bk	99	...	3.0	3.6	19.6
527	322	Nat Aust Bk	505	...	...	3.9	18.4
512	398	Nat West	502	+3	17.5	4.4	30.5
460	270	Provident	425	+4	11.4	3.4	18.4
54	39	Rea Bros	52	...	0.5	1.2	55.3
325	207	Ryl Bk Scot	324	+8	6.8	3.4	...
1335	467½	Schroders	1223	-10	...	1.1	25.4
994	576	Stand Chart	936	+7	20.0	2.7	...
222	149½	TSB	220	-1½	6.4	3.6	...
190	78	Union Disc	175	...	...	...	...
815	529	Wayburg SG	791	+7	...	3.0	20.0
8425	4847½	Wells Fargo	8425	+62½	...	1.6	...
187	121	Westpac	181	...	...	4.7	...
295	188	Wintrust	283	...	9.3	4.1	25.3

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	572	+2	...	4.6	15.5
647	441	Bass	460	-5	18.9	5.1	10.0
299	189	Boddington	263	-5	7.3	3.5	15.3
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	448	...	...	2.8	19.6
167	129	Burtonwood Brw	158	...	4.7	3.8	13.2
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	57	+3½	...	4.6	∞
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	435	...	7.4	2.1	18.6
480	383	Grand Met	416	-2	12.3	3.7	13.7
427	347	Greenalls Grp	373	-5	11.7	3.9	12.4
572	505	Greene King	560	-2	...	2.7	15.8
521	417	Guinness	424	+4	...	3.5	15.7
281	230	Hardy Hansn	260	-1	7.0	3.8	14.4
125	105	Heavitree	120	...	3.0	3.2	28.6
353	255	Highland Distl	338	...	6.0	2.2	22.5
3138	2538	Holt J	2988	...	41.0	1.7	19.4
80	33	Hoskins Brew	75	...	...	...	54.0
323	250	Invergordn Dist	277	-4	...	3.2	15.8
186	136	Macallan-Glen	141	...	0.9	0.8	31.6
465	375	Marstn Marst 'A'	385	...	...	3.9	18.4
221	164	Mansfield	216	...	...	2.2	15.5
259	231	Marston Thmp	273	-2	...	2.5	16.5
470	328½	Mathew Clark	470	...	...	4.5	13.8
300	253	Mrydwn W	263	-10	7.0	3.3	20.8
545	455	Morland	535	-3	8.4	2.0	21.3
12	6½	Paramount	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
190	145	Regent Inns	190	+11	4.5	3.0	∞
996	753	SA Breweries	996	+23	...	2.7	16.9
487	408	Scot & New	459	-11	...	4.6	14.3
225	181	Taunton Cider	202	-2	6.0	3.7	16.5
256	213	Vaux Group	242	+2	9.3	4.8	16.2
331	225	Wetherspoon JD	331	+1	...	1.8	26.7
539	438	Whitbread 'A'	529	-12	...	4.2	14.3
1413	1150	-do- 'B'	1375	...	...	1.6	34.5
613	466	Wolvrhmptn D	468	...	11.4	3.0	13.2
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.6	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	73	Abbey	120	...	...	2.0	19.7
25½	12½	Albrighton	18	...	...	...	...
133	87	Allen	131	+1	...	4.8	20.7
115	65	Amec	113	...	3.0	...	20.6
12	4	Anglia Sec	8½	...	...	...	...
307	155	Ashtead	307	+3	4.5	1.8	49.3
142	101	Atwoods	131	+2	5.0	4.8	19.0
273	180	BPB Ind	265	-4	...	3.5	45.6
90	57	Baggeridge Brk	90	...	3.1	4.3	30.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.5	2.6	...
108	74	Barcom	105	...	1.2	1.5	19.1
56½	32½	Bardon	44	+1	2.8	5.7	21.7
195	94	Barratt Devs	186	-2	4.0	2.7	∞
451	305	Bellway	451	+3	...	3.3	26.1
43	15	Bellwinch	40	-1	...	...	...
449	295½	Berkeley Gp	442	+9	...	1.7	27.7
116	45	Bett Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
63	36	Blockleys	52	-1	1.0	2.4	56.9
288	189	Blue Circle	274	-3	...	5.1	...
285	230	Bott (Henry)	270	...	5.9	2.7	15.1
106	78	Breedon PLC	88	-1	4.6	6.7	21.2
121	82	Br Dredging	117	...	5.2	5.7	25.4
86	45	Brit Fittings	83	...	1.5	2.3	...
151	99	Bryant	145	...	4.8	4.2	∞
98	53	CALA	96	+1	2.3	3.0	∞
298	200	CRH	296	...	...	2.9	16.3
43	18	Cakebread Rby	38	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	37	+4	...	...	...
143	86½	Countryside	141	+1	...	3.6	37.3
94	38	Crest Nicholson	90	-1	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	102	...	...	1.2	...
3½	1½	Dunton	3½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19½	...	0.5	...	...
275	128	Epwin	272	...	6.8	3.1	33.0
59	32	Erith	57	...	0.3	0.8	...
483	252	Eve Group	483	+10	...	2.6	17.5
6¼	3½	Explaura	4	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	45	-1	4.3	...	18.1
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	73	...	...	1.7	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	15.0
144	90	Hewden-Stuart	134½	...	...	3.0	30.6
51	28	Hewetson	40	...	...	3.4	34.0
355	186	Heywd Wms	343	...	12.5	4.6	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	107	...	...	2.5	2.9
38	25	How Gp	26	...	...	...	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	78	...	1.0	1.7	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	304	+1½	9.0	3.7	12.2
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cr Pf	124	-½	...	6.5	...
95	55	Ln Clydeside	95	...	4.5	5.9	35.8
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	18½	+1½	...	...	8.4
350	240	Manders	324	...	9.0	3.5	19.8
168	93	Marley	156	...	8.4	3.4	45.8
107	61	Marshalls	106	+4	...	4.7	73.0
180	122	Maunders (J)	178	...	4.9	3.5	16.3
215	96	McAlpine (A)	214	...	6.5	3.8	37.0
40½	23	McCarthy & S	35½	-½	0.5	...	...
427	272	Meyer Int	418	...	...	3.0	41.9
129	62	Mowlem (J)	111	-1	4.0	4.6	...
154	51	NSM	149	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	140	+2	...	...	19.7
300	197	Persimmon	292	...	8.6	3.7	29.8
31	12	Phoenix Timber	15	+1	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
163	80	Prowting	161	...	3.4	2.6	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti	2½	...	...	...	...
823	555	RMC Gp	788	-3	...	3.3	29.3
117	75½	Rakne Ind	91½	...	6.0	8.2	15.3
36	18	Ramus	20	...	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	555	-5	25.0	5.6	32.3
80	64	Roskel	71	...	4.3	7.7	18.3
296	207	Rugby Group	273	+1	6.4	3.0	20.9
50	23	Svelld-Evea	50	...	...	0.6	...
132	68	Sharpe & Fisher	131	...	...	3.9	22.5
238	86½	Sheffield Insl	231	-6	...	2.9	56.7
167	82	Sherill Hldgs	167	+4	...	1.5	24.9
95	66	Shorco	84	...	...	7.7	19.1
240	19½	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
6½	2½	Starmin	3½	...	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	142	-1	3.5	4.8	...
194	137	Tay Homes	172	-1	5.8	4.3	11.0
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	117	-2	1.0	1.1	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	590	...	33.0	7.0	19.2
39	19	Torex Hirea	37	...	...	1.4	...
277	168	Travis Perkins	273	-1	8.0	3.7	47.6
40	28	Try Group	29	...	1.0	4.3	8.2
28	25	Tudor	25	...	...	1.3	...
88½	41	Vibroplant	83	...	2.3	3.8	29.8
65	20	Ward Hldgs	44	-2	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.6	18.2
26	8	Wescol	22	...	...	...	...
165	90	Westbury	165	...	5.0	3.8	35.2
12	4½	West Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
469	371	Wilson Bowdn	462	-5	8.7	2.4	31.7
205	147	Wilson (C)	194	-1	3.9	2.5	33.6
194	104	Wimpey G	170	-3	...	3.9	...
47	25	YRM	32	...	0.5	2.0	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	645	-3	...	...	...
229	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	125	Auto Sec	144	-3	...	4.6	29.8
136	84	BET Ord	129	-2½	...	3.1	5.2
101	41	BNB Res	101	...	4.9	6.1	...
318	258	BPP	311	...	8.0	3.2	17.2
285	198	Barbour Index	219	...	8.0	4.6	14.9
24	15	Boustead	23	...	0.7	...	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	244	...	4.7	2.5	17.5
36	11	Broadcastle	25	...	...	1.3	19.9
73	54	Brooks Service	69	...	...	...	...
109	86	CRT Gp	100	...	...	3.5	17.7
193	139½	Capita Group	187	...	...	1.4	29.2
45	31	Caskey Plc	43	...	...	2.3	10.5
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	50	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	339	+6	...	1.8	21.1
100	16	Comaco	94	...	...	2.0	23.5
34	6½	Corp Services	31	...	...	...	...
56	30	County Cosltg	56	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	104	-2	3.3	4.0	14.1
256	198	Davis Service	227	+3	...	4.4	17.1
104	85	EW Facs	95	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
32	11	Gardiner	30½	-½	0.6	...	21.3
257	215	Hays	252	+2	5.3	2.7	∞
249	174	Hogg Robinsn	225	...	...	3.7	19.4
70	35	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.4
208	127	Hutch Whamp	202	+6	...	2.4	16.8
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1925	...	...	5.4	2.6
637	519	Inchcape	527	-4	...	3.3	17.0
863	669	Johnson Clean	855	+3	25.7	3.8	18.7
12	2½	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	283	...	3.5	1.5	22.0
1187	883	Manpower	1054	...	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	61½	...	1.8	3.7	26.1
259	125	Pezzas	120	-35	...	9.6	4.9
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	74	Proudfoot Alex	83	+1	...	...	4.5
423	337	RCO	387	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
118	86	REA	86	...	4.0	5.8	...
106	43	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Sec	114	...	...	4.9	24.7
238	178	Rentokil	212	-2	2.3	1.4	26.4
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	250	...	...	3.6	14.1
399	334	Salvesen (C)	357	+1	...	2.7	19.6
39	26	Scot Pickford	38	...	...	2.6	12.1
6¼	5	Select Appt	6¼	+¼	...	...	...
1148	695	Serco Gp	1148	...	14.0	1.5	31.8
352	124	Shirwd Cmps	348	...	...	5.9	4.5
130	90	Sketchley	100	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Warner Howrd	344	...	6.5	2.4	18.0
45	27	Weipac	32	...	...	...	...
26½	14	Wills Gp	24½	...	0.4	2.1	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	244	...	...	2.2	21.5
861	613	Amersham	849	+1	...	2.0	29.4
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£104½	8325	BASF DM	£104½	+100	...	6.3	...
287	199	BTP	270	...	...	4.3	18.6
£124½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£124½	+71½	...	4.4	...
178	134	Blagden	166	...	9.5	...	17.0
165	93	Brent Chems	114	-1	...	8.2	10.3
530	349	Br Bio-Tech	384	+4	...	...	...
29	12	Caird Gp	12½	...	...	13.3	24.7
156	126	Canning (W)	156	...	7.2	6.0	17.4
608	504	Courtaulds	517	-5	...	3.4	13.7
335	228	Croda	330	...	...	2.9	18.9
149	121	Doeflex	135	...	4.4	4.3	40.6
225	175	Ellis & Everard	213	-1	...	4.1	20.4
36½	15½	Euro Colour	35	...	0.8	2.9	21.4
334	259	Halstead (J)	333	...	...	2.3	16.7
241	167	Hickson	233	-1	...	5.5	17.0
£114½	8850	Hoechst	£112¼	...	...	3.2	...
222	195	Holliday Chem	227	+1	...	2.0	20.9
740½	608	ICI	714	-8	...	4.8	...
688	576	Laporte	681	-1	19.5	3.7	18.0
230	181	Leigh	220	-2	...	4.4	21.2
97½	35	MTM	59	-4	...	...	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1762½	...	...	1.6	25.0
484	370	Paterson Zoch	461	...	11.4	3.7	19.9
420	360	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	16.1
256	221	Plysu	237	...	...	3.7	15.5
265	173	Porvair	265	...	3.6	1.7	28.3
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	59	...	...	...	...
495	412	Wardle Storeys	499	+4	16.0	4.4	18.4
535	346	Wistahlme E	520	...	12.0	4.1	17.6
401	330	Yorks Chems	386	...	...	2.5	20.7
306	238	Yule Catto	251	-1	5.9	3.0	15.7
765	593	Zeneca	713	-3	...	4.6	42.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	69	+2	...	5.5	...
87	42	Amber Day	73	-1	3.1	5.3	20.0
352	257	Argos Plc	346	-1	...	2.5	29.3
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	...	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	88	...	0.1	0.1	...
318	278	Asprey	318	...	5.1	2.0	22.0
134	94	Austin Reed	131	...	...	2.4	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	150	...	...	5.0	15.1
121	94	Bentalls	104	+4	1.9	3.3	...
278	202	Beneware	207	+2	...	1.2	24.8
41	22	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
222	133	Body Shop	175	...	...	1.2	22.6
16½	11½	Brown & Jacksn	12½	-5	...	0.8	6.2
403	318	Brown (N)	398	+6	...	2.2	23.4
87½	64½	Burton	74	-½	...	3.4	...
155	126	Cantors	156	...	4.0	3.3	∞
360	286	Church	345	...	12.5	4.5	30.7
183	97	Clinton Cards	156	...	4.2	3.4	18.8
282	212	Coats Viyella	254½	...	...	3.6	28.2
112	76	Colourvision	103	...	5.6	6.8	18.5
708	374	Courts Furnish	695	...	3.5	1.0	8.2
155	115	Cronin Eyes	135	...	...	6.3	0.2
129	80	Dairy Farm Intl	118	+1	...	3.0	17.3
87	51½	Dewhurst (D)	82½	...	1.0	1.5	26.5
281	189	Dixons Grp	261	-2	...	3.0	...
413	320	Dunhill	370	-2	8.1	2.8	14.4
21	10	EBA Gp	10	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	164	...	...	2.1	27.9
273	203	Etam	268	...	6.0	3.2	24.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	589	+2	12.7	2.7	19.2
64	26	Fired Earth Tiles	64	+1	...	...	...
558	498	Forminster	555	...	14.0	3.2	10.1
180	34	French Conn	149	+2	...	...	...
74	43	Gent FR	62	...	2.1	4.3	∞
78	25	Goldsmiths Gp	72	...	0.3	0.5	...
4050	3400	GUS	4050	...	...	1.6	31.6
2365	1563	-do- 'A'	2228	-12	...	2.5	17.3
40	26	Hampden Grp	27	...	...	4.6	13.4
277	30	Hartstone	69	...	...	5.1	...
27	20	Helene Plc	26½	...	2.0	9.5	12.5
72	29	Heritage	72	...	...	...	...
71	35	Honeysuckle	70	+2	...	1.8	9.9
153	63	Jacques Vert	142	+1	...	2.6	10.9
691	496	Kingfisher	660	-8	...	2.6	22.7
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
685	495	Liberty	575	-3	7.2	1.6	67.5
330	241	Lloyds Chem	260	...	5.5	2.6	10.2
152	120	MFI	144	+1	...	3.3	30.3
393½	311	Marks Spencer	387½	+1	...	2.6	21.3
565	445	Menzies (John)	552	-1	...	2.4	15.5
230	155	Moss Bros	229	...	5.5	3.0	26.8
212	139½	Next	194	-4	2.5	1.6	23.0
41	15	Oliver (G)	36	...	...	...	...
309	197	Oriflame Intl	298	...	...	4.0	14.6
43	38½	Pentos	40½	-1½	1.5	...	9.7
313	185	QS Hldgs	195	-5	5.1	3.3	13.9
43	20½	Rhino Grp	41	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	157	...	...	2.1	14.1
119½	93	Sears	111	-4	...	4.0	...
41½	11	Signet Group	27½	...	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	442	-8	...	4.0	14.5
20	4½	Specialeyes	19	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	220	-1	...	2.8	28.4
191	148	T & S Stores	152	-6	5.9	4.9	11.1
160	71	Tie Rack	155	...	1.0	0.8	25.4
231	160	Time Products	219	...	7.5	4.3	18.9
128	63	Usher (Frank)	117	-8	...	6.6	∞
45	27	Vivat	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
119	76	Wickes	109	-1	...	0.2	49.5
28	45	Wnd of Leather	68	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	188	...	...	2.7	24.9
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	134	ACT Group	175	...	...	3.6	17.6
240	223	Acal	240	...	...	3.3	16.7
162½	38	Acorn Comp	88	-23	...	...	44.6
480	385	Admiral	455	...	5.4	1.5	19.2
170	104	Alba	170	...	...	3.6	21.3
50	19½	Alphameric	42	...	...	...	...
47	22	Amstrad	44½	+¼	0.4	...	...
128	61	App Holo	75	...	...	...	...
41	19	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
86	35½	Astec	79	...	...	0.4	1.2
293	243	Beales Hunter	244	...	...	4.8	15.1
9	3½	Bonnett & Fount	4	...	...	...	...
440	319	BICC	438	+11	19.2	3.6	...
525	435	Blick	464	...	9.2	2.5	18.1
1100	925	Borland	1000	...	...	...	...
371	224	Bowthorpe	356	+2	6.3	2.2	23.1
445½	336	BT	435½	+1½	...	4.5	20.6
190½	150	BT P/P	190	+2	...	4.3	21.2
12	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	106	Burnfield	106	-1	5.7	6.8	16.5
890	669	Cable Wireless	880	+23	...	2.1	23.1
24½	11½	Chloride	22½	...	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Camper People	102	...	0.6	0.8	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	149	-1½	...	1.3	15.3
430	243	Critchley	429	+1	...	1.8	∞
554	414	Delta	528	+4	...	3.3	22.1
360	206	Denmans Elc	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	471	...	7.2	1.9	16.1
65	48	Dowding Mills	61	...	2.5	5.1	∞
1105	865	Druck	1103	...	10.0	1.1	23.5
469	358	Electrocomps	441	-2	...	2.2	18.0
580	470	El Dura Prc	560	+2	5.1	1.1	15.4
133	43	Electron House	130	...	2.6	2.5	28.5
30½	10½	Emess	23	+5	0.1	0.5	...
602	442	Eurotherm	600	...	8.0	1.7	27.3
155	108	FKI	152	+½	...	2.5	22.3
465	340	Farnell Elect	457	+1	...	1.7	24.2
91	33	Feedback	88	...	...	2.1	11.5
18	7½	Ferranti	9	...	...	...	...
263	101	First Tech	263	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp	259	...	...	1.6	23.4
22½	16	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
383	284	GEC	358	...	10.3	3.6	18.0
190	132	Graseby	186	+1	...	7.3	19.1
14½	7½	Graystone	12	...	...	...	...
39	26	Hillclare	36	...	...	1.7	...
169	83	INSTEM	145	...	...	2.7	10.3
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.9	15.2
19	8	Kembrey	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
343	260	Kenwood App	341	...	...	2.9	19.1
236	47	Kewill Sys	226	...	...	...	...
200	100	Kode	158	-17	5.5	4.4	18.7
60	16	Laser-Scan	31	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	248	...	...	0.4	30.7
300	240	Lec Refrig	240	-13	9.0	4.7	...
179	133	Life Sciences	133	-6	3.5	3.3	14.4
264	164	Logica	253	...	4.0	2.0	∞
55	44	LPA Ind	54	...	...	8.1	15.3
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	217	...	4.3	2.5	20.7
683	523	Macro 4	670	+5	...	3.3	20.4
298	175½	Memvier-Sw	238	+4	...	1.9	21.1
3013	1735	Micro Focus	1758	...	...	...	16.2
227	147	Microgen	164	...	7.2	5.5	11.2
34½	23½	Microvitec	30½	...	...	...	...
539	357	Misys	498	...	...	1.8	18.2
384	48	Mitel	328	-35	...	...	...
139	109	MMT Comp	129	...	...	3.4	16.3
50½	16	Molynx	49	-½	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Inst	254	...	...	1.8	19.0
165	105	Multitone Elect	117	+1	3.5	3.7	∞
221	116	Murray Enter	207	...	1.8	1.1	...
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	3100	+62½	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	128	-4	2.6	2.5	16.5
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
237	56	Norbain	237	...	...	0.8	18.2
75	20	Northamber	52	...	0.6	1.4	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	-1	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	279	...	4.5	2.0	19.2
83	48	P-E Internt'l	75	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	73	+1	1.4	2.4	38.8
80	55	Peek	76	+1	3.4	5.7	19.6
222	115	Pegasus	209	...	...	3.8	53.6
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1325	725	-do- Lmp nv	1325	...	...	...	...
255	211	Phonelink	255	...	...	...	...
290	171½	Pifco	289	-1	...	1.8	24.2
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	279	-1	...	1.0	23.4
96	63	Plasmec	64	...	...	...	5.4
120	76	Pressac	108	...	2.4	2.8	21.8
135	81	Psion	128	+3	...	2.4	34.0
261	160	Racal Elect	227	+8	4.2	2.3	13.5
70	45	Radamec	66	...	...	2.8	14.1
70	31	Radius	33	-2	2.7	...	11.4
92	61	Real Time	66	...	...	5.7	13.5
35	18	Riva	22	...	...	...	27.9
459	367	Sage Gp	449	-1	9.0	2.5	14.4
348	222	Sanderson Elec	340	-2	9.0	3.3	14.5
88	49	Scantronic	79	...	3.1	4.9	10.9
191	117	Scholes Grp	173	-1	5.0	3.6	∞
375	270	Sema Gp	335	+3	2.8	1.0	27.2
42	26	Silverslides	40	...	...	3.1	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2325	-25	...	1.4	26.3
27	4½	TDS Circuits	13	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	194	-2	0.8	0.5	32.0
1017	809	THORN EMI	942	+1	...	4.2	19.2
111	96	Tharpe FW	108	...	2.5	2.9	11.1
103	55	Total Systems	75	...	3.0	6.8	9.7
509	372	Tunstall	503	+2	6.0	1.5	20.1
294	164	Unitech	286	...	...	2.7	67.8
11½	6	Verity	7	...	...	...	...
35	26	Vistec	29	-½	...	1.6	16.6
595	367	Vodafone	497	+9	...	1.8	22.5
473	368	Volex	456	-1	17.8	4.9	18.7
26	17	Western Selectn	21	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	287	...	11.7	5.1	30.5

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
549	389	East Midlands	537	+7	...	4.5	10.1
560	399	Eastern Elect	557	+7	...	4.3	11.1
384	304	Hydro-Elect	378	-2	...	3.8	13.7
576	404	London Elect	566	-11	...	4.3	12.6
618	458	Manweb	611	+8	...	4.5	8.8
591	434½	Midlands Elec	575	+10	...	4.3	10.3
390	273	National Powr	387½	+1	...	3.4	11.5
616	440	Northern Elec	605	+8	...	4.4	8.7
186	100	Nthn Ireland	184	+1	...	4.1	10.2
607	439	Norweb	587	+7	20.0	4.3	9.1
422½	273	PowerGen	422	+2	...	3.1	11.1
377	285	Scottish Power	374	...	...	3.7	13.9
626	436	Seeboard	618	+8	...	4.0	10.0
626	469	Sth Wales	614	+13	...	4.5	10.2
577	426	Sth Western	570	+11	...	4.4	9.1
575	406	Southern Elec	566	+3	...	4.3	10.6
596	458	Yorkshire Elec	581	+7	...	4.4	10.9

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
125	47	BWD	117	...	...	3.4	18.3
101	25	Batsic Plc	100	-1	...	1.3	...
550	413	Caledonia	547	...	...	3.4	20.3
1525	1075	Camellia	1525	...	...	2.4	5.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	243	Candover	303	-1	10.2	4.2	21.5
150	71	Fleetech	145	...	...	0.4	...
335	155	Govett	326	...	...	4.9	7.6
188	135	Ivory Sime	167	-1	...	4.9	15.7
6¼	3	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting	223	...	8.4	4.7	16.2
67	47	Manakin	62	...	5.0	10.1	∞
12½	5	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Br	328	...	6.0	2.3	19.9
26	17	Rutland Tst	25	...	...	4.1	14.8
380	253	S & U	351	-8	10.0	3.8	12.2
82	48	Singer & Fried	79	...	...	4.7	...
975	713	Sotheby's	788	-25	...	4.3	...
155	83	SP Capital	151	+2	3.0	2.5	62.3
2556¼	1487½	Amer Express	2425	+37½	...	...	...
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1026	...	...	5.1	23.7
300	92	Invesco	184	-2½	...	2.0	...
244	164	Jardine Strat	228	...	...	2.4	9.5
236	154	MAI	230	-4	8.9	3.6	...
692	389	MAM	662	-2	15.0	2.5	19.5
980	683	M & G	944	...	...	2.6	25.1
342	109	Smith New Crt	328	...	...	2.3	4.9
81	55	Trtr Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	AB Food	481	+2	14.0	3.6	11.0
77	53	ASDA Group	59½	-½	1.6	3.4	14.5
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	274	...	6.5	3.0	15.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	75	...	3.7	6.3	12.5
407	287	Argyll	293	-3	...	4.7	10.8
174	117	Assoc Fisheries	159	...	...	6.3	3.3
228	160	Banks (S C)	225	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
482	310	Barr (AG)	330	-5	6.5	2.5	16.7
85	57	Bensons Crsp	62	-3	...	5.7	13.9
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
435	352	Booker	405	...	...	6.5	24.5
52	35	Borthwick	47	...	...	3.2	58.4
505	430	Brake Bros	463	...	6.2	1.6	20.0
51	38	Budgen	46	...	...	2.7	14.0
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	455	+4	...	3.6	16.1
120	78	Carrs Milling	119	...	3.9	4.1	23.8
19½	15½	Cranswick	103	...	...	5.2	14.4
22	8½	Cullens	15½	...	0.5	4.0	44.5
384	150	Dalepak	175	-5	9.0	4.3	13.5
521	424	Dalgety	485	-3	...	5.4	13.4
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
242	191	Devro	233	-1	...	3.0	22.2
134	90	Everest	107	...	3.7	4.4	∞
372	259	Fairpak	372	...	5.7	1.9	22.9
10	5	Farringtord	8½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	75	...	...	7.1	24.2
125	78	Fyffes	95	-3	...	1.7	17.1
483	338	Geest	371	...	8.1	2.8	16.5
16	7	Global	14½	...	...	4.4	23.3
47	43	Grand Central	46	...	1.2	3.4	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	174	+2	...	4.6	9.8
175	131	Hillsdown	162	+5	6.8	6.7	12.9
250	181	Iceland Group	192	-8	...	2.2	12.1
131	109	JLJ Group	118	...	...	4.9	13.1
853	655	Kwik Save	657	-10	16.0	3.0	12.6
262	174	Low (Wm)	180	-4	8.4	5.5	8.7
83	41	Matthews (B)	82	+3	2.2	3.4	53.7
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17	...	1.1	8.1	34.8
174	49	Morrison (W)	101	-1	...	1.0	13.1
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
291	242	Nthn Foods	253	-1	...	4.2	12.6
20½	9½	Nrlambro Fds	11	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	187	-2	...	4.1	10.4
250	205	Park Foods	233	-1	...	3.2	18.0
113	78	Perkins Food	89	...	...	0.2	10.2
109	47	PizzaExpress	107	-1	...	0.6	61.2
9	1½	Regina Hlth	5½	...	...	...	...
564	419	Sainsbury J	435½	-½	...	2.9	15.3
86	33	Senny Farm	78	...	...	2.4	14.0
225	94	Sims Food	118	+2	...	2.9	22.7
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	376	-4	12.0	4.0	11.9
273	195	Tesco	199	-4	...	4.5	8.9
211	125	Thorntons	162	-7	3.6	2.8	15.1
183	101	Treat	160	-1	...	2.8	18.3
410	300	Unigate	388	...	...	5.2	12.7
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	354	+3	...	5.5	21.6
24½	18½	Usborne	20½	...	...	6.9	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	303	...	13.3	5.5	15.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abstin Stk Hs	22	...	...	...	...
91	77	City Centre Rest	90½	+½	1.5	2.2	21.8
250	170	Forte	237	...	...	4.0	18.6
220	155	Friendly Hotels	164	...	...	4.4	31.3
11½	5	Harmony Leis	10	-½	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	123	...	...	3.3	9.8
222½	154	Ladbroke	192	-4	11.1	7.5	16.0
73	50	Mandarin Orntl	64	-2	...	3.3	15.8
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¼% Crpr	85	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	1¼	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
21	11½	Ryan Hotels IL	18	...	...	6.6	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	818	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	61	-1	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	47	AAF Inds	56	...	...	19.6	3.4
616	455	AAH	538	+1	...	4.0	17.3
185	140	ADI	181	...	7.5	5.2	11.0
132	88	APV	98	-1	...	6.9	...
238	81	ASW	209	-1	...	3.6	...
198	124	Adwest	183	+11	...	5.1	∞
29	10	Aerospace Eng	21	...	...	4.5	27.6
280	249	Airsprung	280	...	...	2.0	17.9
160	113	Alexdra W	160	...	3.8	3.0	44.2
13½	6½	Allied Radio	9½	-½	...	...	...
585	475	Alumasc	579	...	...	2.6	16.8
48	17	Alvis	42	...	1.0	3.0	8.6
525	345	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	12.0
45	16	Amberley Gp	40	...	...	3.1	...
107	78	Anagen	79	...	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	80	...	...	6.9	...
945	703	Anglofagasta	923	...	...	2.2	17.0
54½	37	Armour	51½	-1½	1.6	4.1	∞
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155	...	6.4	5.2	15.9
3½	2¼	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	518	-3	...	4.0	20.7
250	168	Assoc Nursgs	248	...	...	0.5	15.2
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.0	17.1
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	171	-1½	...	5.5	14.5
65	28	BLP Group	53	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	30½	-1	5.0	...	0.9
770	627	BOC	627	-3	23.2	4.6	13.8
79½	62	BSG	73	...	...	5.5	25.2
487	353	BSS Group	462	-1	...	4.7	27.7
409½	316	BTR	373½	+2	...	3.6	20.9
221	155	BWI	162	-1	6.7	5.2	15.6
50	29	Babcock	34	-½	...	7.7	20.3
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	279	...	8.9	4.0	19.1
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	631½	+18½	...	5.3	3.6
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	...	2.9	25.4
15	5	Beauford	7	...	...	...	...
10	6	Beckenham	6	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	28	+1	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16½	...	0.3	2.3	∞
702	461	Bespak	530	+1	10.0	2.4	16.3
133	73	Bibby (J)	85	...	9.7	...	5.0
312	129	Billam (J)	250	...	5.0	2.5	12.6
41	21½	Bilston Battrsa	28	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	...	...	...
202	118½	Birkby	201	...	3.5	2.2	19.0
45	32	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	11.9
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
230	136	Black (Peter)	230	...	3.7	2.0	20.2
562	129	Bluebird Toys	477	-18	...	1.2	14.5
322	247	Bodycote	284	-3	...	2.2	18.0
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
565	416	Boots	478	-2	...	3.5	17.7
61	42	Booth Inds	50	-1	0.7	1.8	...
523	435½	Bowater	458	+2	...	3.1	19.1
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1234	+4	...	...	...
274	199	Boxmore Intl	272	...	...	1.7	20.4
19	12½	Brasway	14½	...	0.5	4.4	∞
333	204	Brammer	285	...	13.0	5.7	21.2
27	12	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	2.1	...
123	64	Bridon	119	+1	...	4.2	...
88	33	Bridport-Gndry	81	...	4.1	6.3	15.2
48	31	Brierley Inv	43½	+½	...	7.9	∞
308	245	Br Bldg & Eng	245	...	...	1.3	...
64	42	Br Bloodstock	64	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	475	+11	...	2.7	16.9
125	54	Br Steel	124½	+1	...	1.0	...
180	98	Br Syphon	99	...	...	3.8	27.8
185	115	Br Thornton	156	-2	...	2.0	17.1
268	215	Br Vita	236	...	7.1	3.8	14.5
19½	5	Britton Grp	14½	-½	...	1.6	...
730	555	Broken Hill	685	...	...	2.6	32.0
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	108	...	...	5.1	14.1
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	44	Brown & Tawse	63	-1	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	128	...	6.0	5.9	21.9
23	11½	Business Tech	17½	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	22	...	1.0	...	30.8
25	11	Campbell & Arm	17	...	...	...	...
6	6½	Cannon St	3½	...	...	...	...
256	205	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
251	178	Carclo Eng	250	-1	8.6	4.3	17.8
2888	2138	Carnaud Ml	2300	...	...	2.7	∞
81	68	Cassidy Bros	68	...	...	4.4	11.1
210	158	Castings	210	...	4.3	2.6	14.8
71	62	Cathay Intl	68	-1	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	185	-7	6.2	4.2	11.6
730	605	Charter	718	-1	...	3.8	16.9
345	220	Chemring	343	...	...	3.0	20.7
92	45	Chieftain Gp	81	...	5.1	...	10.9
41	17	Chillington	38	...	0.2	0.8	...
204	144	Christies Int	191	+1	...	1.0	47.4
63	34	Clayhithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	75	-3	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7	...	...	0.2	...
400	295	Cohen (A)	303	...	6.8	2.8	∞
323	179	Community H	218	+1	6.9	4.0	∞
246	186½	Concentric	220	...	...	3.2	18.5
230	120	Cook (Wm)	230	...	5.0	2.7	13.9
233	182	Cookson	195	+½	...	3.8	25.8
76	38	Copymore	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Corwll Pkr 'A'	145	+1	5.7	5.1	∞
179	92	Cosalt	133	+2	10.7	...	20.2
224	150	Creighton Nl	186	...	...	4.9	13.3
48	27	CrestaCare	37	...	0.5	1.7	31.8
3737½	2093½	Dana	3712½	-25	...	...	...
238	78½	Danka Bs Sys	238	...	...	0.6	22.6
243	193	David Brown	222	-3	...	3.4	15.7
22	5	Davies (DT)	19	-3	...	...	...

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712	632	De La Rue	684	...	...	...	...
27	16	Dinkie Heel	26	...	...	4.7	21.3
553	391	Diploma	543	...	...	2.1	...
79	70	Dobson Park	77	...	...	...	...
116	92	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	...	...
80	57	-do- 'A'	74	...	...	...	...
16½	8	ETG	12	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	410	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	26	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	...	...	...
2950	1750	Electrolux 'B'	1975	-25	...	...	...
76	47	Elliott (B)	75	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China C	417	-1	...	...	...
132	111	Environmed	128	...	...	...	...
3950	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3537½	-12½	...	...	...
71½	32	Eurocopy	69	-2	...	...	...
87	47	Expamet	76	...	...	...	...
717	499	Fairey Group	679	...	9.2	...	...
95	53	Fenner	86	...	4.2	...	...
66	32	Ferraris Group	56	...	...	...	...
1½	¼	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	15	Ferrum	15	...	...	...	...
60	28	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	...	...
251	149	Fisons	167	-5	...	6.6	15.2
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	...	...
288	215	Flogas	284	...	...	...	...
43	32	Folkes Group nv	37	...	1.5	...	...
86	56	French (Thomas)	81	-2	3.2	5.5	40.2
240	166½	Fress Group	218	+1	...	...	...
88	71	GEI Int	85	...	...	...	...
513	434	GEN	466	-7	...	...	...
51	42	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	...	...
101	79	Carton Eng	98	...	4.0	...	...
161	103	Gestetner	146	...	5.2	7.0	6.4
42	23	Gieves	36	-2	...	...	...
821	509	Glaxo	621	-12	...	4.4	...
38	16	Glenchewton	34	...	...	...	...
318	245	Glynwed	309	+6	1.6	4.8	...
126	66	Goode Durrant	115	...	...	...	...
145	102	Grampian Hd	137	...	5.5	5.6	...
456	341	Granada	450	-2	...	...	...
410	301	Great Suhrn	410	...	...	3.4	16.4
117	78	Green (Ernst)	99	...	...	...	...
15½	8½	Greenacre	14½	...	...	2.4	14.2
17	8	Guardian Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
62	30½	Haden Maclln	62	+2	...	4.0	...
88	44	Hadleigh Inds	87	+5	...	...	...
290	115	Hall Eng	286	...	5.6	7.9	...
229	161	Halma	198	-2	...	1.2	...
49	30	Hampson Ind	40	...	1.6	5.0	13.2
265½	222	Hanson	249½	-4½	...	...	...
221	153	Harris (Philip)	162	-1	...	5.7	...
198	147	Harrison Crsfld	189	-2	9.2	6.1	...
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	36	...	...	...	...
28	17	Heacway	25	-1	0.7	3.5	∞
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
305	301	Hepworth	387	...	14.8	4.5	16.5
228	160	Hewitt (J)	194	...	3.0	...	...
38	15	High-Point	30	...	1.3	...	...
162	112½	Hill & Smith	161	...	...	4.4	22.4
19½	6½	Hobsons	17	-1	...	...	...
172	87	Holders Tech	172	+5	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	49	+2	1.3	...	36.7
167	133	Hornby	161	...	...	7.0	15.2
88	54½	Howden	79	...	2.2	3.5	14.5
260	173	Hunting	236	...	...	5.3	19.9
503	289½	Huntleigh Tech	448	-25	...	2.8	11.4
312	247	IMI	289	...	...	4.2	...
119	90	ISA Intl	113	...	1.5	1.7	17.5
205	144	Intercare Gp	144	...	...	2.5	15.2
286	235	Isoron	280	...	4.3	1.9	∞
547	380	Jardine Math	532	+2	...	2.4	19.3
537	425	Johnson Math	469	+4	...	2.7	22.5
64	30½	Johnson & FB	46	...	5.0	3.2	14.2
177	104	Johnston	150	...	3.2	2.7	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	21	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
79½	26	Kalamazoo	75	...	2.1	3.5	17.4
178	73	Kalon	165	...	...	2.4	22.9
237	223	Kelsey Ind	223	-7	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	538	...	27.0	6.3	27.9
226	75	Kleeneze	204	...	...	7.0	15.2
151	61	LGW	145	...	3.0	2.6	16.2
351	266	Laird	330	+1	...	4.0	16.3
157½	103	Lilleshall	140	...	...	3.8	18.4
221	97	Lincat	215	-22	...	3.6	∞
23½	4½	Lincoln Hse	23½	-1	...	...	19.4
128	76	Linread	112	...	3.7	4.2	17.1
280	170	Linton Park	250	...	...	7.0	9.0
15½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
274	140	Lon Intl	157	-1	9.4	7.5	12.0
135	70	Lonrho	123	-1	...	4.1	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	345	...	...	3.3	48.3
329	254	MB-Caradon	319	...	...	3.4	25.8
162	128	-do- pf	161	...	7.2	5.6	...
40	14½	MI Hlgs	39	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	42	...	...	7.4	43.3
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
216	168	Macfarlane	210	...	...	1.9	23.8
460	379	McKechnie	435	...	14.7	4.2	21.6
106	85	McLeod Russel	103	...	6.0	7.3	12.6
10½	3	Maddox	3	...	...	...	16.4
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
105	71	Mang Bronze	101	...	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	22½	...	...	3.6	...
192	124	Mayborn	191	...	...	3.3	14.5
62	29	Mayflower	58	...	...	2.7	48.1
236	85	Medeva	110½	...	...	2.5	9.0
118	88	Meggitt	108	+1	...	4.4	18.2
125	98	Metalrax	118	...	...	3.9	19.1
153	126	Metrotect	153	...	...	2.6	21.3
95	70	Meseco	95	...	...	...	...
89	29	Midsumer	84	...	...	1.2	11.3
25	14	Mining & Ald	22½	...	0.5	2.8	...
512	368	Molins	512	...	...	3.5	12.2
345	262	Morgan Crble	326	+4	...	4.9	16.8
184	134	Morris Ashby	176	...	...	3.8	13.4
33	15	Neepsend	28	...	0.7	3.3	37.6
73	34	Nesmr-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
191	122	Nobo Gp	191	...	4.8	3.1	19.9
181	122½	Norcros	177	-2	...	4.9	25.9
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	323	...	...	...	∞
75	36	Office Elec Mac	75	+1	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	36	...	...	6.1	...
140	123	PCT	132	...	...	6.9	15.0
62	36	Pacer Systems	62	+1	...	7.2	...
138	87½	Pentland	89	...	...	3.5	12.1
395	310	Photo-Me	323	-6	4.6	1.8	∞
165	97½	Pilkington	146	-1	...	3.4	...
86	68	Plansbrook	85	...	3.0	4.4	13.4
154	125	Polypipe	147	-2	2.1	1.8	∞
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	34	...	...	6.5	11.0
11½	5½	Porth Gp	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	370	+4	...	2.2	19.2
20	16½	Prospect Inds	16½	...	0.7	5.7	6.3
84	53½	RPS Group	64	+1	2.2	4.3	14.1
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil	122	...	...	1.0	40.8
823	636	Rank Org	817	...	31.0	4.7	22.3
33	15	Ransomes	15	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	618	-4	...	3.5	14.1
77	50	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	3½	Reece	5	...	...	...	...
245	131	Relyon	237	...	4.9	2.6	28.4
303	208	Renishaw	269	...	6.5	3.0	33.6
96	55	Renold	96	...	...	1.3	...
1583	1340	Reuters	1524	-12	21.2	1.7	25.2
57	24½	Rexmore	55	...	1.7	4.0	...
160	91	Ricardo Group	159	+3	5.7	4.6	∞
76	58	Richard (Leics)	76	...	...	4.4	...
98	63	Richardson West	88	...	3.0	4.4	21.8
142	109	Ropner	133	-2	8.2	7.8	18.8
136	97	-do- 'A'	125	-2	8.2	8.3	17.7
38	24	Ross Gp	28	...	0.6	2.9	11.4
184	131½	Rotork	164	...	...	2.8	19.2
162	89	Rubicon	162	...	...	3.3	22.7
66	43	Russell (A)	65	...	...	...	...
39	15	SEP Indl	27	...	...	3.5	24.7
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	962½	-12½	...	...	...
54	39	Saville Grdn (J)	52	...	2.2	5.2	∞
248	205	Scapa	211	+1	...	3.3	16.1
238	192	Scholl	204	+2	...	3.9	14.8
6½	4	Scot Heritable	4½	...	...	...	...
1083	917	Securicor	1078	...	2.6	0.3	41.0
766	562	-do- 'A'	735	...	2.6	0.4	28.0
660	468	Security Serv	640	...	5.0	1.0	31.7
121½	77	Senior Eng	116½	-½	...	3.4	19.2
361	278	Seton Health	286	...	...	2.5	16.0
88	42	Sheldon Jones	63	...	...	...	...

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33	26	Siebe	30	...	...	...	...
244	231	Silentnight	277	...	...	...	...
54	42	Simon Eng	50	+1	...	...	...
77	53	Sirdar	74	...	...	...	...
116	72	Smith & Nephew	127	...	...	4.2	...
142	95	Smiths Ind	142	...	...	5.8	...
47	36	Spirax-Sarco	46	...	...	4.0	...
513	389	Spring Ram	450	+5	6.6	2.5	14.5
452	341	Spurtline Ind	360	-6	...	3.6	12.2
794	520	Sterling Ind	769	...	11.2	3.9	14.9
140	98	Sterling	92	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
444	299	Stocklake	444	...	...	...	19.6
535	400	Stone Intl	525	...	...	3.4	6.5
372	214	Suter	366	...	...	3.3	22.4
44	44	Spring Eng	60	...	...	...	18.1
230	222	Swire Pac	230	...	...	4.6	13.0
184	136	Sycamore	162	...	...	4.5	24.8
67	25	T&S Ramco	50	...	...	...	...
361	244	TT Group	345	+4	...	2.6	∞
75	46	Takare	70	...	...	...	...
75	50	Tavella Chem	146	...	...	7.9	12.1
146	88	Tex Hldgs	344	-1	...	7.4	21.5
32	27	Tinsley (Eliz)	30	...	...	...	...
294	242	TI Group	298	...	1.5	...	...
245	181	Tomkins	229	...	...	1.0	18.3
465	615	Trafalgar H	655	...	1.2	4.0	29.0
113	67	Transfer Tech	107	...	...	...	...
579	346	Trpt et Lond	491	...	...	...	...
386	158	Tunstall	196	...	...	...	...
284	214	Unichem	264	+2	5.6	2.7	17.1
378	278½	Unigate	365	...	...	5.5	16.1
74	47	Unigroup	32	...	...	...	...
1246	934	Unilever	1072	-1	21.3	2.5	14.5
1	63	Unilever NV	7202	...	...	2.1	11.6
415	313	VSEL	386	-1	...	4.2	9.3
94	63½	Vernon	81	...	...	...	...
154	95	Vickers	153	-1	...	1.2	...
307	243	Victaulic	288	...	...	3.4	14.2
444	253	Vinten	436	...	...	2.0	21.2
694	477	Vosper Thorny	694	...	...	2.8	16.8
6	4	WSP Hldgs	42	...	...	...	10.9
482	368	Wagon Ind	435	+1	...	5.0	19.1
98	77	Walker Greenbk	91	-3	3.1	4.3	23.2
255	221	Wassall	250	+4	2.5	1.2	25.2
42	22	Watford Wright	39	...	...	...	...
364	291	Weir	307	+1	...	2.4	13.3
951	500	Wellcome	684	-10	13.0	2.4	18.9
27½	19	Wellman	19	...	0.9	5.9	31.0
345	260	West Hlthcare	344	...	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	483	...	6.5	2.5	16.2
357	227	Whessoe	270	-1	...	3.7	10.5
66	47	Whitecroft	66	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	130	...	3.5	...	38.0
365	295	Williams Hldg	325	-5	12.5	4.8	17.0
36½	17	Witham	34	...	...	1.8	21.4
661	535	Wolseley	648	-5	12.5	2.4	22.5
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	25	Wyko	38	...	...	3.3	...
59	36	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	10.1

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1967½	1437½	Alex & Alex	1437½	-25	...	4.6	...
2426½	1787½	Am Gen	2195½	-6½	...	3.3	...
51	33	Archer (A)	49	...	4.4	...	23.8
185	133	Berry Bch Nbl	167	...	...	4.0	12.9
143	118	Bradstock	129	-3	5.1	4.9	15.9
498	259½	Britannic	479	...	...	2.9	...
667	556	Com Union	607	-6	...	5.0	...
1700	1225	Dom & Gen	1700	...	...	1.7	∞
39	16	Fai	35	-1	...	...	...
774	546	Gen Accident	702	...	26.7	4.8	...
225	160	GRE	215	...	7.0	4.1	17.6
413	295	Heath C E	396	-7	...	5.1	...
225	168	Hogg Gp	172	-39	8.1	6.0	15.3
215	162	JIB Group	170	-1	...	5.5	17.4
513	408½	Legal & Gen	485	-4	...	4.9	29.5
1092	768	Liberty Life	966	-3	...	2.7	18.8
465	402	Lloyds Abbey	438	...	17.3	4.9	15.8
338	252	Lloyd Thomp	298	+5	6.7	3.0	∞
366	274	Londn & Man	365	...	16.2	4.9	26.5
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	410	-8	13.5	4.1	14.7
6747½	5600	Marsh McLn	5850	-12½	...	3.1	...
115	76	Oriel	114	...	...	5.6	...
72	50½	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
350	282½	Prudential	344	-4	...	4.3	22.8
1138	800	Refuge	1060	-3	31.5	3.8	29.1
347	248	Royal	305	-3	...	2.7	...
204	150	Sedgwick	181	-2	...	4.1	22.3
251	119	Steel Burrill	128	+4	...	...	7.6
89	46	Sturge Hldgs	86	...	8.2	...	8.7
399	307	Sun Alliance	384	-1	14.2	4.7	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	51	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	328	...	12.0	4.6	30.4
773	499	Utd Friendly	640	+2	14.5	2.8	27.9
242	171	Willis Corroon	216	-8	...	3.8	46.4
21	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1620	1546	Alliance	1745	-5	45.0	3.2	38.2
264	226½	Amer Trust	256	+1	4.9	2.4	53.5
404	304	Ang & Oseas	397	-2	6.8	2.2	50.4
169½	124	BZW Conv	144	+½	7.6	6.8	∞
166	135½	Bankers	182	...	3.4	2.4	49.8
317	264	Baring Tribne	308	...	6.4	2.6	48.7
193	131	Berry Starq	193	...	2.2	1.4	62.7
110	96½	Br Assets	105	-5	...	5.1	25.7
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	79½	-½	0.8	1.4	...
29	14	-do- Wnts	27	...	...	...	...
198	156	Br Inv	192	+2	4.5	2.9	43.3
191	130	Contl Asset	184	...	2.4	1.6	61.2
195	143	Derby Inc	151	...	...	11.8	9.1
220	195	-do- Cap	260	...	...	...	...
91	62	Drayton Blue	81	+1	8.4	13.0	9.0
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	83	...	1.2	1.8	...
133	86	-do- Far East	121	...	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	114	+1	0.5	0.6	...
665	576	Dunedin Inc G	650	...	...	5.0	29.9
100	92	-do- Japan	92	...	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	45	-1	...	...	...
690	513	-do- Wrde	675	+1½	9.5	1.8	69.5
292	222	Dundee & Lon	286	...	...	3.9	26.3
304	250½	Edinburgh	293	-2	8.4	3.6	32.1
287	183	Electra Inv	280	+1	6.7	3.0	38.2
190	141	Electric Gen	180	-1	3.1	2.2	56.1
113	85	English Scot	108½	...	...	...	...
300	206	European Asset	289	-1	...	2.5	37.5
126	77	Finsbury 'A'	126	...	3.0	3.0	40.5
291	246	Fleming Amer	287	+2	0.7	0.3	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	204	+1	...	3.3	40.2
318	212	Do Contl	302	...	2.7	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Emp	196	...	...	3.0	39.4
334	215	-do- F East	314	+2	1.1	0.4	...
326	246	-do- Fledg	323	...	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	100	...	...	5.5	17.1
260	136	-do- Japan	232	+3	0.3	0.2	...
289	250	-do- Merc	278	-1	6.7	3.0	59.5
292	212	-do- Oseas	283	...	4.2	1.9	59.3
259	203	Foreign & Col	247	...	...	1.7	67.3
82	44	-do- Enterprise	69½	...	0.4	0.9	...
214	164	-do- Eurotst	208	+½	1.2	0.7	...
125	87	-do- German	119	...	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	288	...	...	0.9	...
164	116	-do- Smaller	164	+½	1.8	1.4	...
272	165	GT Japan	234	-1	...	0.7	∞
150	62	Genl Cons Cap	147	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.5	11.5
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	142	...	...	...	...
316	164	-do- Oriental	309	+1	0.9	0.4	...
293	207	-do- Strategy	268	-2½	...	3.1	37.0
400	340	Greenfriar	399	...	...	2.0	59.9
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
142	124	Inv Cap	139½	...	5.1	4.6	28.0
97	77	IAS UK Smllr	92	-1	2.8	3.8	25.7
209	156½	Kleinwon Chtr	200½	+4	5.0	3.1	39.0
239	170	-do- O'seas	228	-1	3.1	1.8	64.8
130	108	-do- Smlr	129	+2	...	3.4	31.5
680	560	Law Debenture	660	...	18.2	3.5	33.0
197	104	Majedie	193	...	...	3.1	31.3

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
272	221	Mercantile	267	...	...	5.2	24.6
6487	3700	Merrill Lynch	6667½	...	...	...	...
450	383	Monks Inv Tst	412	...	...	...	...
133	105	Merr Gren Est	129	...	...	4.5	25.8
49	25	Do Warrants	49	...	...	...	...
56	36	Murray Euro	52	...	...	0.6	...
21	4½	Do Wts	14½	...	...	...	...
344	282	Murray Income	334	...	10.6	4.0	∞
340	265	-do- Intl	327	-2	11.6	4.5	26.2
382	263	-do- Small	366	+1	...	1.4	...
103	92	-do- S/C Inc	92	...	...	14.4	...
135	75	-do- S/C Cap	122	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2975	...	...	4.6	...
155	142	-do- S/C DP	155	...	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	302	...	10.9	4.6	∞
107	56	New Frontier	103	+1	0.2	0.5	...
89	68	Nutbrug Inc	88	...	6.7	9.1	10.2
336	249	Oseas Inv Tst	324	+2	2.8	1.1	...
411	285	Pacific Assets	397	+1	1.1	0.4	...
314	187	Do Warrants	290	+2½	...	...	...
F530	7650	Personal Assets	8250	...	...	2.4	49.3
156	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	149	+1	1	1.0	...
126	98	River & Merc	120	...	9.2	9.6	12.0
465	352	Robeco	405	...	...	3.1	...
433	346	Rolinco	408	...	...	...	...
279	214	St Andrew Inv	274	+1	7.5	3.4	35.8
156	131	Scot American	150	...	...	3.4	37.6
226	136	Scot Asian	221	+1	...	...	...
506	225	do Warrants	305	...	...	...	...
81	63½	-do- Eastern	78	-1	1.5	2.4	5.2
222	183	Scottish	217	...	4.6	2.7	45.5
225	175	-do- Mrge	213	-2	4.0	2.4	55.0
96	71	-do- Value	96	...	...	2.2	48.4
1592	1390	Second Allnce	1529	-1	37.0	3.2	∞
91	76½	Secs Tst of Scot	86	...	3.2	4.7	26.6
157	109½	Selective Asset	154	...	1.2	1.0	51.4
36	14	Sphere Inv	36	...	3.1	11.0	11.4
164	112	TR Far East	152	...	4.5	3.7	13.4
154	126	TR Cty O' Lon	148	...	4.8	4.1	∞
168	112	TR Pacific	161	...	0.2	0.2	...
32	18	TR Propert	30	...	0.6	2.5	25.2
70	47	TR Tech Inv	66	...	1.7	2.5	27.6
196	146	TR Smr Cos	165	...	...	1.9	42.6
249	283	Temple Bar	334	...	13.2	5.0	27.2
67	19	Thrntn Asian E	46	+1	0.5	0.7	...
79	54	Throgmorton	76	...	2.3	3.5	31.0
150	263	Throg Dua. Cp	313	...	...	...	...
231	176	USDC Invest	224	...	4.5	2.2	41.2
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	112	...	3.6	4.0	28.3
716	542	Whitbread Inv	680	-19	16.5	3.0	40.5
216	181	Witan	211	-2	5.6	3.3	37.0

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
24	5½	Mid Scot Resc	9	...	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	53½	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
37	21	Nth Sea Assets	37	...	1.0	4.6	4.3
36	27	Utd Search	31	+1	...	...	...
19	11½	Perex	17	...	...	...	...
44	49	Pict Pet	135	-2	...	...	∞
39½	15	Premier	31½	-½	...	...	6.0
115	50	Presidio	113	...	...	1.5	...
393	290	Ranger	345	...	...	4.7	...
6775	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6675	...	...	4.5	16.5
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4237½	-34½	...	1.6	...
67	47	Seafield	54	...	...	...	...
662	515	Shell	657	+2	21.9	4.1	22.5
205	112	Sunrise Eny S	122	...	...	...	...
4	2	Triton Europe	2½	-½	...	...	...
16	6	Viilers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
172	135	Woodside	169	+5	...	2.4	...

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
415	269	Airtours	402	-3	7.2	2.3	14.2
64	42	Alc Les	57	...	4.7	...	16.2
376	194	Anglia TV	375	+7	...	3.1	17.2
102	63	Baicaux	84	...	3.0	4.5	11.4
349	192	Barr & W 'A'	327	...	15.0	5.6	14.5
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1205	-20	22.0	2.3	16.3
155	76	Border Tvs	136	...	...	3.0	12.4
10½	6½	Brent Walker	5½	-½	...	...	...
59	44	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
9	2	Buckingham Intl	8	-½	...	...	...
292	119	Campari	142	...	...	10.6	...
230	171	Capital Radio	219	...	5.2	3.0	25.1
816	718	Carlton Comm	745	+2	17.0	2.9	25.0
200	158	Castle Commn	189	...	...	5.7	17.2
2108	1615	Central TV	2258	-50	36.0	2.3	22.3
124	61	Chrysalis	107	+1	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	569	+4	...	2.6	17.0
350	175	Eurocamp	197	-6	9.7	6.2	8.1
1180	610	Euro Disney	693	-2	...	1.7	...
9	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
36½	18	Ex-Lands	37½	-1	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	314	...	10.5	4.2	...
378	256	First Leisure	281	+5	6.1	2.7	19.4
558	298	GWR Gp	558	+13	...	1.6	28.7
246	149	Grampian	246	...	6.1	3.1	17.0
20	4½	Greenwich Comm	20	...	...	...	...
76	19	HTV Group	74	...	...	...	32.9
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	56	-1	...	4.3	...
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	-½	...	...	...
502	405	LWT Hldgs	500	...	...	1.2	23.1
519	327	Man Utd	513	...	18.0	4.4	17.6
148	59	Owners Abrd	83	-1	3.5	5.3	6.7
74	33	The Pelican Gp	62	-3	...	2.2	14.5
160	55	Prism Leisure	131	...	...	3.1	12.2
31	16	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde	322	...	...	3.3	25.2
208	132	Ramsdens (H)	188	-4	...	3.0	24.9
553	431	Scot TV	478	-6	9.9	2.6	23.5
65	37	Southern Radio	57	-1	0.7	1.7	23.7
260	168	Stanley Leisure	233	+4	4.3	2.3	18.4
10	5½	Sunleigh	8½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	123	...	3.5	3.6	14.4
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	-½	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	101	-1	...	...	3.3
75	44	Trans World	51	...	...	2.0	18.6
499	274	Ulster TV	499	...	10.0	2.5	15.3
101	62	Vardon	94	...	0.7	1.0	22.2
22	11	Wembley	18	-½	0.2	...	...
48	7½	Whitegate	39	...	...	...	...
233	110	Yorkshire TV	230	...	12.0	6.5	7.0
120	83	Zetters Gp	116	+1	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4387½	-71½	...	4.6	22.2
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1487½	-12½	...	6.1	7.9
2300	1125	Ang Am	1987½	...	...	3.4	17.3
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res	30	-1½	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	116	...	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	35	...	...	...	2.1
671	233	Buffels	606	+2	...	10.5	∞
2½	1	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
720	546	CRA	630	-5	...	3.2	21.6
43½	11	Cluff Res	29½	...	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1225	-6½	...	4.0	16.8
165	37½	Deelkraal	106	...	...	1.6	12.2
96	7	Doornfontein	46	...	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	703	-11	...	4.1	13.6
709	120	Durban	430	-2	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	117	+6	...	9.8	3.4
220	54	E Rand Prop	198	-10	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	355	-2	...	3.4	8.7
894	292	FS Cons	711	-7	...	7.0	8.9
80	8	FS Dev	43	-1	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1206	-6½	...	3.3	20.8
180	125	Gencor	155	+6	...	5.6	12.7
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	42½	...	...	3.1	11.1
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	109	-1	...	9.3	6.7
360	76	Harmony	278	+6	...	3.5	...
425	87	Hartles	304	+5	...	6.3	12.0
16	6½	Incoco	15	...	...	...	...
1050	491	Impala Plat	697	...	...	4.0	23.9
13½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	810	+13	...	6.1	9.4
913	319	Kloof	657	+1	...	3.3	9.3
137	25	Leslie	88	+6½	...	4.6	9.2
219	13	Loraine	149	+3	...	...	...
940	620	Lydenburg	750	...	...	2.6	∞
116½	80	MIM	80	-4	...	2.8	38.7
1265	820	Minorco	1217	-12	...	3.2	∞
141	91	Nth Bkn Hill	125	-1½	...	3.6	20.6
2287½	612½	Orange Free	1725	-9½	...	7.4	13.9
746	607	RTZ	664	-17	...	3.5	18.9
637½	425	Rand Mines	556½	...	...	11.0	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	513	+7	...	5.7	∞
192	115	Renison	137	-1	...	3.2	14.2
1200	850	Rustnbrg	975	...	...	3.3	∞
595	191	St Helena	471	+2	...	5.1	10.0
2168	475	Southvaal	1414	-5	...	4.0	25.7
119	18	Stilfontein	63	-3½	...	10.0	11.3
201	58	Unisel	111	-1	...	2.7	11.2
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	4500	-100	...	4.6	8.1
582	154	Welkom	467	-2	...	7.0	14.6
351	26	Western Areas	278	+2	...	2.5	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	1800	...	...	3.4	8.7
293	17½	Wstrn Mining	208	-2	...	2.3	∞
1029	323	Winkels	818	+21	...	1.7	7.0
84	56	Zambia Copper	73	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	48	...	...	6.3	16.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	130	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
153	76	Appleyard	129	+3	...	5.0	...
335	203	Blackley Mtr	330	...	...	3.4	16.3
168	120	Bostrom	168	-1	6.0	4.5	29.3
468	165	Br Aerospace	420	-10	7.0	2.1	...
52	14½	Burndene	46	...	...	3.2	12.2
388	303	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
15	4½	Caverdale	14½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtrs	134	-1	...	3.7	34.1
29	18	Cook (DC)	26	...	...	2.9	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	254	-2	6.2	3.1	19.3
140	86	Dag Motors	140	...	5.7	5.2	25.0
155	102½	Davnpn Vern	154	...	...	3.3	19.5
300	155	ERF	296	...	2.0	0.8	...
155	92	European Mtr	137	...	...	3.2	19.3
402	208	Evans Halshaw	399	...	11.8	3.5	61.5
290	226	FR Group	258	...	...	3.5	12.0
3793½	2843½	Ford Motor	3718½	+18½	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	2975	-25	...	1.8	...
75	38	Gowrings	60	...	2.0	4.2	...
247	65	Henlys	233	...	3.0	1.6	...
982	650	Honda Motor	953	+2	...	0.9	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	99	...	4.5	5.7	...
173	97	Kwik-Fit	165	-½	...	2.5	23.3
430	281	Lex Service	403½	...	...	3.3	22.1
164	85	Lookers	154	+4	6.2	5.0	...
164	126	Lucas	150	+1½	7.0	5.6	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	260	+1	...	3.2	21.4
190	101½	Perry Gp	183	...	...	4.9	...
190	108	Quicks Group	176	...	...	3.2	22.5
160	96½	Rolls-Royce	149	+2	...	4.2	...
223	164	T & N	192½	-4½	...	7.0	27.4
215	163	Trinity Hldgs	215	...	...	3.2	∞
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	165	-5	...	3.2	23.1
253	121	Westland	239	-1	4.2	2.2	21.1

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	191	...	5.0	3.3	19.6
360	315	Black (A&C)	360	...	13.5	4.7	14.8
608	290	Blenheim Gp	324	+1	...	3.5	11.9
370	275	Bristol	350	...	...	4.2	31.6
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9700	-25	130	1.7	21.8
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9625	-25	130	1.7	21.7
305	251	Dorling Kind	292	...	3.3	1.4	∞
373	322	EMAP	357	-1	...	2.6	22.0
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1098	+10	29.5	3.4	24.7
284	170	Harrington K	236	...	4.5	2.4	19.1
468	233	Haynes Pub	463	...	...	2.2	17.4
363	343	Hodder H'tne	357	...	4.5	1.6	34.2
140	99	Home Counts	132	...	6.0	...	...
150	30	Intl Bus Comm	150	...	...	...	21.7
16	6½	Int Cm & Data	13	...	...	...	...
395	240	Independent	375	+12	...	3.1	20.3
580	395	Johnstone Press	578	...	6.3	1.4	24.9
318	243	Metal Bulletin	318	...	8.0	3.1	22.5
186	88	Mirror Gp	170	-7	...	...	...
466	287	News Corp	461	+7	...	0.3	...
274	169	News Intl	265	-3	...	0.6	16.3
546	354	Pearson	537	-7	...	2.8	29.2
675	510	Portsmth Sund	618	...	...	1.9	17.0
736	618	Reed Intl	717	-6	...	3.0	31.2
150	98	Southnews	149	...	...	1.8	27.6
171	90	Sterling Pub	167	-2	...	2.2	18.4
420	326	Telegraph	395	...	...	1.6	16.2
825	715	Thomson Corp	725	...	...	2.1	36.2
395	313	Trinity Intl	391	...	8.7	2.8	23.4
39	27	Unit Group	34	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspaps	544	-5	...	5.0	14.9

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	33½	+½	...	...	32.6
61	37	Atenn Inds	42	+1	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	63	-½	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	66	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Br Borneo	198	-1	7.1	4.5	6.0
339½	276	British Gas	327½	-½	14.2	5.5	15.5
326	225	Br Petroleum	316	+2	8.4	3.3	24.8
1½	1	Bula Resources	1¼	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	776	...	...	4.1	18.1
65	32	Cairn Energy	60	...	...	...	8.6
287	223	Calor Gp	267	...	...	5.7	14.2
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	51	+1	...	...	...
44	27	Copiex Res	34½	+½	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs	17½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	441	-3	16.0	4.5	24.3
88	32	Exp Co Louis	34	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	23½	-½	...	2.3	8.4
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	61	...	1.4	2.9	11.7
48	18	Gt Western Res	44	+1	...	...	...
175	104½	Hardy O & G	164	+1	...	0.8	15.3
46	18½	Kelt Energy	40	...	...	...	...
195	128	LASMO	143	+1	...	2.9	29.0
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	0.4	16.1	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	126	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	3.5
331	249	API	330	...	7.5	2.6	26.7
216	144	Arjo Wiggins	216	...	...	3.6	34.6
543	408	Abbott Mead	536	...	...	2.2	25.4
40	13	Aeros Gp	36	...	...	...	...
126	115	Asper Comms	126	...	...	4.7	1.7
12	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
40	23½	Bemrose	36	...	...	2.8	16.5
33	11	Bristal	11	...	...	...	...
149	118	Bunzl	147	-1	4.0	3.4	21.9
316	257	CIA Gp	316	+2	...	1.7	25.7
230	90	Capital Inds	158	+6	...	2.3	16.2
79	44	City of Lond	77	...	...	6.3	14.1
245	166	Cropper (Jmes)	245	+2	...	1.6	28.5
6	5	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	57	Delyn Pckging	87	...	...	1.5	2.4
18	6	Delphic Pack	15	+1	4.5	6.9	2.5
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	84	...	...	4.4	19.1
5½	1½	Elsevier	4½	...	...	1.3	22.1
6½	41	Fairway Group	68	...	...	5.8	25.0
340	21	Ferguson Intl	337	-2	...	4.6	15.1
106	92	Ferry Pick	106	...	...	6.7	28.3
152	74	Fiolaki	145	...	...	1.1	18.7
27	11	Furk	11	-1	...	...	...
122	69	Gibbon Lyons	121	-1	...	5.2	13.7
295	247	Gold Greenless	275	...	8.2	3.9	∞
4	30	Goodhead	33½	...	0.5	2.3	...
88	37	Hunterprint	77½	-½	...	...	...
165	136	Interfurope	171	...	7.5	5.1	∞
264	191	Jarvis Porter	260	...	...	2.3	24.2
32	17	Loper	27	...	...	...	...
37	26	MMI	35½	...	...	...	...
337	175	More O'Ferrall	333	+3	13.2	5.0	39.5
133	68	NMC Group	113	+1	2.0	2.3	17.1
172	96	Osborne & Little	169	...	...	2.4	16.1
725	455	Portals	699	...	...	3.7	16.7
2½	1½	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
260	150	Quarto	234	...	...	2.4	17.5
347	267	St Ives Gp	330	...	5.2	2.1	25.1
195½	142	Saatchi	162	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	348	...	...	6.4	6.6
32	17½	Serif	31	...	...	...	...
32	14	Shandwick	22½	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	362	...	...	3.5	19.5
296	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	232	-4	...	1.5	5.6
70	45	Sronic	68	-2	1.5	2.8	22.9
249	183	Starplus	229	...	8.0	4.4	22.4
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	21½	...	0.3	1.4	22.9
69	38	VTR	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
106	40	WPP	101	+1	...	1.2	3.6
176	62	Wace	176	+2	...	...	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	252	...	...	3.9	16.9
750	540	Walmsley	747	...	11.5	1.9	29.3
7	4½	Westpona	5½	-½	...	...	...
24	12	Whitney Mcke	16½	-1½	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	76	...	...	2.1	16.3

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	41	Allied Lon	105	+1½	3.5	4.3	∞
63	56	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	6½	-½	...	...	...
109	52	Asda	109	+3	...	2.4	11.4
152	88	Avonside	150	...	4.0	3.3	21.0
2637½	2062½	BCE	2225	-25	...	...	...
652	396	Bilton	648	...	18.9	3.6	23.4
110	23	Bourne End	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
224	150	Bradford	213	...	5.4	3.2	21.6
25	5	Bredero	16½	...	...	...	...
405	166½	Br Land	395	+2	...	2.3	34.9
240	140½	Brixton	230	...	...	4.3	17.2
81	42	Burford	79	...	...	1.8	...
178	99	Cap & Regnl	178	...	...	0.8	...
215	120	Cardiff Prop	215	...	2.4	1.4	...
500	196	Chesterfield	498	...	11.0	2.8	35.6
43	12	City Site Ests	38	...	1.4	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	25	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Rbls GS	47	...	...	...	...
1275	818	Daejan	1269	-1	...	2.7	15.7
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
101	55	Debenham Twsn	100	...	...	3.6	19.5
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
153	76	Dencora	153	+1	3.0	2.5	...
563	263	Derwent Hldgs	558	...	8.6	1.9	69.5
45	10	Development Sec	43	...	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
300	170	Estates Agency	285	...	3.0	...	38.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	212	-1	...	2.7	18.7
33½	11	Five Oaks	33	...	...	...	...
65	30	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
474	276½	Frogmore	448	-2	16.0	4.6	∞
200	97	Grainger	190	...	5.2	3.5	42.5
222	116½	Gt Portland	215	+1	...	4.7	20.6
27½	7½	Greycoat	25	...	...	...	...
151	101	HK Land	146	...	...	4.3	19.3
64	35	Hambro Cntyw	79	...	0.5	0.8	...
403	257½	Hammerson	383	+1	10.0	3.3	38.4
663	245	-do- 'A'	351	+2	10.0	3.6	35.2
253	127	Helical Bar	247	...	...	2.4	8.9
35	19	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	58	...	3.7	...	14.4
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
682	435	Land Sec	677	...	22.8	4.2	20.4
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	97	-1	4.0	5.2	15.1
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
504	315½	MEPC	495	...	...	5.1	21.3
9	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
135	90	McKay Secs	130	...	3.5	3.4	17.6
7½	3	Markheath	6	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	38	...	1.0	...	...
5	4	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
46	29	Moorfield Est	40	...	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
169	112	Mucklow (A&J)	164	-1	6.1	4.7	∞
46	30	Olives Prop	35	...	1.5	5.4	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5	...	0.1	...	1.5
156	88	PSIT	156	-1	4.1	3.5	30.9
317	138	Peel	310	...	4.0	1.6	...
16	7	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
48	22	Property Trust	35	...	...	...	∞
75	42	Raglan	52	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	19½	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
47	16	St Modwen Prp	44½	...	0.6	1.7	32.9
70	39	Savills	64	-1	...	2.0	25.3
105	34	Scot Met	101	...	1.5	...	...
102	39	Shaftesbury	102	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Spield	11½	...	...	...	0.0
255	139½	Slough Estates	254	+2	...	4.0	17.8
82	56	Southend Prop	80	...	...	3.8	...
35	16	Stanhope Prps	35	...	...	...	...
196	114	Tops Ests	196	...	2.1	1.3	69.9
126	79	Town Centre	126	...	3.1	3.1	23.5
84	43	Trafford Park	77	...	2.8	4.7	∞
56	17	UK Land	42	-2	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	10	-½	...	...	...
258	180	Warner	248	...	10.5	5.3	22.7
218	168	Warnford	218	...	7.5	4.3	16.0
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
90	34	Wates	77½	-1	0.7	...	...
76	40	Wood John D	72	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	15	...	...	...	...
183	84	Headlam	182	...	...	1.8	41.1
500	315	Lambert	335	...	13.0	4.9	8.2
100	44	Pittards	53	...	2.0	...	15.7
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
187	89	Stylo	184	...	...	2.0	70.4
66	53	Uk Safety	64	-2	...	9.9	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	496	+1	12.0	3.2	16.0
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
35	21	Bolton Gp	34	...	...	...	17.3
170	141	Br Mohair	160	...	8.5	6.6	15.0
53	15	Charwell	41	...	...	...	...
364	296	Claremont Gs	333	...	7.2	2.7	20.8
601	522	Courtauld Text	531	-2	13.6	3.2	14.5
53½	24½	Cupid	31	...	...	...	...
248½	194	Dawson	194	-2	...	5.8	14.8
42	22	Drummond	42	...	...	...	...
82	65	Faupel	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
54	15	Foster (John)	30	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	123	-1	4.2	4.3	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	220	...	...	2.3	17.1
66	45	Jerome (S)	60	+3	...	...	...
370	240	Lamont	370	...	12.0	4.1	24.5
515	353½	Leeds	510	-1	...	1.8	24.6
64	15	Lister	62	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	76	Lyles (S)	76	...	3.5	5.6	∞
200	89	Magellan	200	...	1.4	0.9	...
171	69	Parkland 'A'	166	...	2.0	1.5	...
102½	62	Readicut	96½	+½	...	4.4	18.6
58	35	SEET	50	...	...	...	...
129	72	Sirdar	129	+1	5.3	5.4	∞
72	44	Stirling Gp	66	...	1.8	3.5	16.2
51	37	Stoddard	46	...	...	3.9	44.6
312	250	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.6	25.8
62½	32½	West Trust	30	...	2.5	8.0	∞
206½	126	Yorklyde	180	...	...	3.6	11.8

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	485	-9	...	4.8	14.5
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	635	-11	11.5	2.3	12.6

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
480	349	Assoc Br Ports	461	+1	...	2.3	...
909	707	BAA	863	-4	...	2.3	21.4
367½	249	Br Airways	365½	+½	...	3.6	20.1
104	56	Clarkson (H)	106	...	1.5	1.8	...
27	23	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	506	-3	...	...	...
62	44	Fisher (James)	60	...	1.0	1.6	21.5
211	147	IoM Steam	207	...	...	4.8	10.9
38	24	Jacobs (JI)	38	+6	0.5	1.8	...
96	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	91	...	...	1.5	16.7
2975	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2937½	...	4.5	0.2	16.0
401	280	Mersey Docks	401	+6	9.0	3.0	25.7
271	181	Natl Express	244	-1	...	3.6	25.2
364	230	NFC	271	...	6.5	3.0	21.5
339	244	Ocean Group	333	-2	...	5.4	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	66	...	4.0	7.8	12.0
670	504	P & O Dfd	559	-9	...	6.8	30.3
172	121	P & O 5 1/2%	170	...	...	4.0	...
568	448	Powell Duffryn	566	+6	...	5.0	22.0
200	105	Seacon	199	...	...	3.2	12.5
151	112	Stagecoach	150	...	...	3.2	∞
63	31½	TNT	59½	+½	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Brtn	688	+3	11.8	2.2	26.2
382	173	Tiphook	258	+1	...	9.4	...
298	227	TDG	257	...	...	4.6	8.5

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	531	-3	...	5.0	10.6
340	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	340	...	...	3.9	12.6
661	547	Northumbrian	631	-2	...	4.5	6.5
537½	431½	North West	517	-3	...	5.2	9.2
564	439	Severn Trent	536	-4	...	4.9	8.6
583	454	Sthrn Water	552	-7	...	4.8	9.2
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1530	-15	47.0	3.8	10.9
586	465	South West	575	-4	...	5.2	9.4
563	454	Thames Water	539	-4	...	4.9	10.6
639	506	Welsh Water	611	-4	...	4.8	6.2
661	536	Wessex Water	631	-5	...	4.3	9.5
593	473½	Yorkshire W	539	-7	...	4.9	9.2

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
106½	101⅛	Treas 13¼% 1993	101¾	-⅛	13.60	5.83
102⅝	100⅝	Treas 8¼% 1994	100⅝	...	8.62	5.56
109½	103⅝	Treas 14½% 1994	103⅝	+⅛	13.98	5.49
109⅜	104½	Exch 13½% 1994	104½	-⅛	12.92	5.54
105⅜	102⅛	Treas 10% 1994	102⅛	...	9.71	5.58
110⅛	106⅛	Exch 12½% 1994	106⅛	...	11.79	5.51
105⅜	102⅝	Treas 9% 1994	102⅝	...	8.68	5.95
111⅝	108	Treas 12% 1995	108⅛	-⅛	11.11	5.83
97½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97¼	+⅛	3.07	4.62
109¾	107⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅝	-⅛	9.52	5.64
116	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	113⅝	-⅛	11.22	5.80
120⅛	117⅛	Treas 14% 1996	117⅛	...	11.95	5.90
125⅛	121⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	121⅞	+⅛	12.51	6.03
120⅛	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅛	+⅛	11.30	6.02
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	110½	...	9.05	6.17
122⅛	118⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	120⅛	...	11.00	6.32
113⅝	110⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	112⅝	-⅛	9.32	6.38
109	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108⅝	-⅛	8.08	6.25
132⅝	127⅜	Exch 15% 1997	130	-⅛	11.54	6.50
112⅝	109⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	112⅝	-⅛	8.69	6.44
103½	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	103⅝	-⅛	7.00	6.32
101½	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅛	+⅛	6.68	6.05
129½	125⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	128⅛	-⅛	10.91	6.80

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138⅛	133⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	137⅛	-⅛	11.30	6.65
122⅝	118½	Exch 12% 1998	122⅛	-⅛	9.81	6.77
113½	108⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	112½	-⅛	8.46	6.63
125⅜	120⅝	Exch 12¼% 1999	124⅝	...	9.84	6.83
118⅝	112⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	117⅛	+⅛	8.93	6.72
118⅝	112⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	117⅛	-⅛	8.73	6.74
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	112	-⅛	8.04	6.68
133½	127½	Treas 13% 2000	131⅝	-⅛	9.85	7.00
118⅝	109⅝	Treas 10% 2001	117⅛	+⅛	8.53	6.97
119½	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	117½	+⅛	8.29	7.03
108⅝	97½	Treas 8% 2003	107½	+⅛	7.43	6.90
122⅝	109½	Treas 10% 2003	120½	-⅛	8.28	7.05
125⅝	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124⅝	-⅛	9.26	7.23
81½	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	+⅛	4.38	6.03
119⅝	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	117⅝	+⅛	8.06	7.12
119⅝	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	118⅛	+⅛	8.05	7.13
137½	124⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	135⅝	+⅛	9.20	7.38
107	94⅝	Treas 8% 2002-06	105⅝	+⅛	7.59	7.15
130½	118⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129⅛	-⅛	9.10	7.35
112½	97⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	111⅛	+⅛	7.65	7.20
145⅝	131⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	145⅝	+⅛	9.38	7.39

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117⅛	101⅛	Treas 9% 2008	115⅝	-⅛	7.76	7.23
108⅛	92⅛	Treas 8% 2009	106⅝	+⅛	7.48	7.26
118⅛	100⅛	Conv 9% 2011	116⅝	+⅛	7.70	7.29
115⅝	100⅛	Treas 9% 2012	117⅛	-⅛	7.67	7.28
86⅝	70⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	85⅝	-⅛	6.40	6.83
106⅝	89⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105⅛	-⅛	7.37	7.22
108⅝	95⅝	Treas 8% 2013	107⅝	-⅛	7.45	7.28
149⅝	125⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	146⅝	-⅛	8.17	7.45
117⅛	97⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	116⅛	-⅛	7.52	7.28

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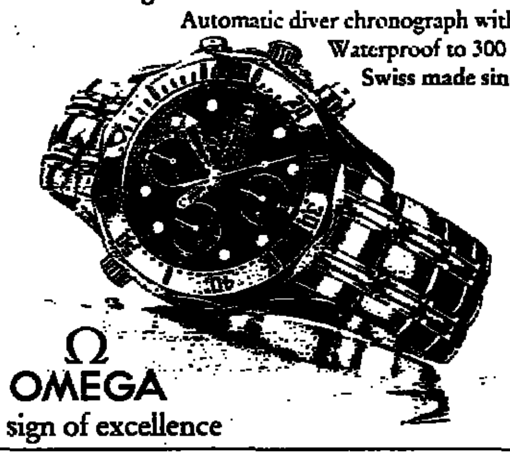
1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
48⅛	38⅛	War Ln 3½%	47⅝	-⅛	7.36	...
34⅛	27⅛	Treas 2½%	33⅛	-⅛	7.53	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
135⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2% 1994	135⅛	+⅛	...	0.04
200⅛	194⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	200⅛	-⅛	1.53	2.42
110⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110⅛	-⅛	1.93	2.57
169⅛	156	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166⅛	-⅛	2.63	3.00
166⅛	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	166⅛	-⅛	2.79	3.08
113⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	113⅛	-⅛	2.81	3.10
176⅛	159⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	175⅛	-⅛	2.84	3.07
160⅛	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	159⅛	-⅛	2.98	3.18
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ACCOUNTANCY

Mirror, Mirror off the wall

By Graham Searjeant

MIRROR Group Newspapers, the controlling interest in which is finally on sale, is a *cause célèbre* on anything from auditing and corporate governance to pensions law. It is also, surely, destined to become a textbook example in the long-running debate over the inclusion of brand valuations in company accounts.

The sale by Maxwell administrators of 55 per cent of MGN via an international offer will focus mainly on the group's earning power, cash flow and rising payments to meet pension liabilities. Potential investors will, however, do well to look closely at the balance sheet. There they will find that, as of June 27, the intangible book value of the newspaper group's titles accounts for no less than 140 per cent of shareholders' funds.

The intriguing thing about these critical assets is that they have been valued in three different ways in three years. Yet each has somehow come up with the very same figure of £625 million.

That valuation was first put on them when they were part of Robert Maxwell's private empire. As MGN accounts explained, it was based on a valuation by directors of the MGN Group in December 1989, updated at the end of 1990 "in accordance with a valuation range prepared by the business valuations unit of the corporate finance division of Coopers & Lybrand on the basis of profit projections prepared by the management". Coopers & Lybrand were then MGN's auditors.

When the private group was reorganised before MGN's 1991 flotation, a deal was done. The predominant English newspaper titles were sold to MGN Limited, "a fellow subsidiary", and reacquired on the same valuation basis. In the post-Maxwell 1991 accounts, the £565 million attributable to these titles was put into the balance sheet "at cost" rather than at valuation, as previously. The accounts explained: "The valuation represented the sum of the amounts it was estimated could be realised if each of the titles together with their associated publishing rights were to be sold in market conditions at December 30, 1990", shorn of any other assets, rights or liabilities.

The new board admitted the titles might not be worth that amount "due to changes in market conditions". But the directors said they did not expect to sell the titles and considered there had been no permanent fall in their value.

In its highly qualified audit report, Coopers & Lybrand drew attention to a note saying assets had been valued at cost on the basis that they would not be sold. Another note to the accounts revealed that, were they sold, there was a potential tax liability of £206 million, which was not provided for in the balance sheet.



All this changed again in the 1992 accounts, by which time Price Waterhouse had replaced Coopers & Lybrand as auditors. Out went the idea that any of the titles were valued at cost.

Instead: "The titles are stated at the directors' estimate of current cost." This third formula is softened somewhat in the offer document. The directors' valuation now "approximates to their estimate of current cost". The total valuation, having passed through sales value through historic cost to the cost of buying or developing such titles now, remains the same, though the estimate of potential tax liability has shrunk to £148 million.

Indeed, in their current cost valuation, the directors have still "taken account of" that adjusted 1989 valuation based on Mr Maxwell's profit projections. Since the 1990 adjustment, the circulation of the *Daily Mirror* and the combined circulation of the *Sunday Mirror* and *The People* have both fallen by 14 per cent, the economy has sunk deeper into a much longer recession than expected and a price war has broken out ahead of the feared imposition of VAT.

On the other hand, the value of money has fallen too, and operating profits have recovered. But "in view of the trading performance", the revamped board has "concluded that no adjustment to the valuation is necessary", though a new one is to be made at the end of the year. MGN's titles are clearly valuable. Were it not for their value, and its incorporation in the balance sheet, the business could hardly have survived the Maxwell episode, a strong case for the pro-brand lobby.

The problems are equally clear. The titles may be worth more, less than or exactly £625 million, but the stationary valuation on different bases, on different managements' projections, raises questions about brands' separability. In practice, it would be hard to separate the titles from the £200 million pension fund liabilities (though there would be no net effect on shareholders' funds) or to value them irrespective of management. The new team has changed the way the papers operate, so that, according to MGN's chairman, "the newspapers are being run for the first time in many years on a strictly commercial basis". Profits are recovering because costs have been cut even though revenue, one indicator of the titles' separate worth, has stagnated.

Indeed, there is probably only one thing on which the new team is entirely at one with Mr Maxwell: that figure of £625 million.

Strong medicine for general practitioners

THE most mysterious sector of the accountancy profession is that of small partnerships and individual practitioners, the high-street accountants with a brass plate outside. Critics of the profession claim that it is the enormous global partnerships who are secretive and parsimonious beyond belief with figures and information about their businesses. But the big firms are far surpassed in this by the small end of the market.

So it has always been very difficult to assess quite how well, or how badly, the sector is doing. But the veil is lifting. Last week, for the first time, general practitioners held a national conference. This was organised under the auspices of another of those burgeoning faculties at the English ICA, the General Practitioner Board. The aim was simple. The title of the conference, "Good Practice — Good Profits", said it all. The whole bewildering and wonderful range of small practitioners was there, from auditors of tattooists in Southampton to tax advisers to sheep farmers in Shropshire.

It was a forum for exchanging information, networking and, above all, learning from those firms and individuals who were doing well.

They organised a survey of participants and, under the cover of anonymity, compared performance across a wide spectrum of practices. Alan Taylor, the director of the institute's advisory service for general practitioners, collated the results and provided a commentary. From that it would seem that change is in the air.

In the past it has been assumed that small firms and individual practitioners by and large made a reasonable to good living as long as they were reasonably competent and efficient. It looks as though those days are past. On Taylor's analysis a great split is occurring or, as he put it, "a worrying division". "We are now seeing some practices increasing profitability dramatically", he said, "while others fall away."

The problem would appear to be that it is no longer enough to just bumble along as a general practitioner in the accountancy business. The great management revolution that hit multinational companies in the early 1980s is now filtering down to the smallest businesses in the land and through to their advisers. The principle of perpetual change in a constant effort to make every part of the business process perform better has now started to hit the high-street accountancy business. Some, as you might expect, are reacting better than others.

The problem is that these organisations have made a pleasant living for so long that change is hard to achieve. Taylor put it clearly. Practices, he concluded, appear to have performed reasonably well despite the recession. Although many practices show little change between 1992 and 1993, some have grown strongly. It is also clear that some practices appear to be struggling. "There does not appear to be any obvious factor such as size or geographical location influencing this. One must assume, therefore, that performance is related to the individual firms' ability to respond to the challenges of the market place. The survey suggests that a number of practices are successful in this respect."

It is a paradox but in some ways the most hated item on the general practitioners' agenda may also be the catalyst in their salvation. The introduction of a formal regulation process by the institute, with all its inevitable bureaucracy, inspectors' visits, reports and disciplinary proceedings, is probably exactly the sort of cataclysmic change to working life that will produce the shake-out required to shift attitudes from the old to the new. The joint monitoring unit has been at work for almost a couple of years and is reviled by general practitioners up and down the land. But it is bringing about the attitudinal changes that will improve the service general practitioners provide and the profits they make. But one area that is unchanged is the resentment that small practitioners feel about their supposedly beleaguered status. And they have good reason. When the institute's faculty for finance directors and their like had its first national conference last year, the institute underwrote the costs. It was a success and the profits went to the faculty. For last week's general practitioner conference, the institute refused to underwrite the costs. The conference was a sellout but no profit went to the board. Instead it went to the conference organisers who coincidentally were another arm of the institute.

It all adds to the feeling of isolation. In a session on motivation, participants were asked to jot down their greatest ambition. One sole practitioner announced in wistful tones that his was "to hold a partners' meeting".



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HAS been a busy week for MG Peat Marwick. As lin Sharman, senior partelect, flew off to Vancouver a global brain-storming sion, the firm's UK mangement consulting arm, der Neil Johnston, was sy regrouping itself under profit-centre. Information hnology now falls under Tony Leach and Mike Morrow becomes head of strategic business management. Meanwhile, the firm tomorrow says farewell to Wendy Bennie, senior PR manager on the consulting side, who is leaving after five years to spend time with her children and English springer spaniel. Finally, it is worth noting that KPMG hedged its bets in advising Manchester on its Olympic bid. The firm also advised Sydney . . .

ARTHUR Andersen is stepping up its profile in uncharted territory. Vast black posters posing cryptic questions are going up in Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and neighbouring counties — an attempt, I am told, to increase awareness of the firm.

Hail fellows

ACADEMICS take note: the English institute has added five new fellowships to the 18 already awarded to lecturers in university accounting departments. The ICA is providing £3,000 a year towards each award.

JON ASHWORTH

Court of Appeal — Law Report September 30 1993 — Court of Appeal

No duty of care to rescuer

cFarlane v E. E. Caledonia
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ore Lord Justice Ralph-Gibson, d Justice Stuart-Smith and d Justice McCowan

dgment July 29]

ere was no duty of care owed by owners of an oil rig to a rescuer o was found not to be a man of linary fortitude and phlegm and o suffered psychiatric injuries m experiences during a rescue eration when the oil rig went on

The Court of Appeal so held in a erved judgment when allowing appeal of E. E. Caledonia Ltd, merly Occidental Petroleum aledonia) Ltd, the owners and erators of the Piper Alpha oil rig the North Sea from the decision Mrs Justice Smith on December 1992 that they owed Mr Francis cFarlane, a rescuer on board the e-fighting vessel Tharos, a duty exercise reasonable care to avoid using him psychiatric injury.

Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC and r Alistair Schaff for E. E. aledonia; Mr Nigel Wilkinson, C and Miss Anna Guggenheim Mr McFarlane.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-MITH said that on the night of ly 6, 1988 a disastrous fire broke t on the oil rig Piper Alpha in the rth Sea; 164 men lost their lives d many more were seriously jured.

Vessels in the area went to assist the fire fighting and rescue erations. One of those was the aros and Mr McFarlane was on ard.

He sustained no physical injury n as a result of his experiences at night he suffered psychiatric jury for which he claimed mages.

The matter came before Mrs stice Smith on a preliminary ue as to whether E. E. Caledonia ed Mr McFarlane a duty of care d she had held that Mr cFarlane had suffered psychiric injuries which were as a sult of the explosion and the each by E. E. Caledonia, as vners, of its duty of care owed to ose persons on board the Piper pha.

Although the preliminary issue d not extend to the question of each of the duty of care to Mr cFarlane, his Lordship said that had to follow or that it had to be sumed that if the duty was owed him, the owners were in breach it.

At the trial, counsel for Mr cFarlane submitted three bases which Mr McFarlane was titled to succeed:

On the ground that he was asonably in fear for his life and fety and the fear had caused the ock which had lead to his injury;

That he was a rescuer and nsequently even if he was not asonably in fear of his safety he uld recover because the impact the horrifying events had caused is shock, and

That even if he was only a bystander or witness to the events they were so horrendous that it was reasonably to be foreseen that they would cause psychiatric injury in such a person.

The judge accepted the first submission, rejected the second submission and expressed no opinion on the third submission. By a respondent's notice Mr McFarlane submitted that, if the owner's appeal was allowed, the judge's decision should be upheld on one of the grounds.

The judge found that Mr McFarlane was probably not a person of average fortitude or customary phlegm and that he was probably more susceptible to psychiatric injury than the average man.

His Lordship thought that the video films which the court had viewed provided evidence that a man of reasonable fortitude would be in reasonable fear of his life and safety in the position in which Mr McFarlane was.

The judge posed the question of law she had to answer as "whether [the owners] owed [Mr McFarlane] a duty to exercise reasonable care to avoid causing [Mr McFarlane] psychiatric injury. The existence of a duty of care depends upon the tests of foreseeability of harm and a *proximity of relationship* between [Mr McFarlane] and the [owners]."

Although that formulation was correct as far as it went, the judge did not specifically remind herself that it was the forseeability of the reasonable man in the position of the owner that was material.

The question was an objective one. What ought the reasonable owner and operator of a drilling rig and platform to have foreseen in the light of the facts which were known or ought to have been known to E. E. Caledonia Ltd? Specifically, should he have foreseen that a person of ordinary fortitude in the position of Mr McFarlane would reasonably be in such fear of his life and safety as to suffer psychiatric shock?

The way in which the judge answered the question she had posed led his Lordship to the conclusion that she had correctly applied the test.

Although Mr McFarlane, in order to succeed, had to establish at the trial that he had a fear for his own safety, it was irrelevant to the foresight of the reasonable man in the position of the owners. It was a subjective fear and did not answer the question.

There were basically three situations in which a plaintiff might be a participant when he sustained psychiatric injury through fear of physical injury to himself:

1 Where he was in the actual area of danger created by the event but escaped physical injury.

2 Where he was not in actual danger but because of the sudden and unexpected nature of the event he reasonably thought that he was.

3 Where he was not originally within the area of danger but came into it later. In the ordinary way such a person who was a volunteer could not recover, if he had freely and voluntarily entered the area of danger. That was not something the tortfeasor could reasonably have foreseen.

However, if he came as a rescuer he could recover. That was because a tortfeasor who had put A in peril by his negligence had reasonably to foresee that B might come to rescue him, even if it involved risking his own safety.

A rescuer was entitled to put his own safety at risk, but not that of others, unless they too consented to be part of the rescue.

The duty of Captain Leny, of the Tharos, was to ensure the safety of his vessel and those on it. If he had acted negligently and in breach of that duty he and E. E. Caledonia, who employed him, would be liable.

There was no suggestion of that in the present case and no criticism had been made of the handling or operation of the Tharos. In his Lordship's judgment that was an important consideration.

But what was the position if the captain of a rescue vessel took what seemed to be a justified risk and in so doing his vessel came into actual danger with the result that it was damaged and personal *injury was sustained by those on* board?

In such circumstances the owners of the rig would be liable to an injured plaintiff on the rescue vessel in respect of both physical injury and psychiatric injury resulting from a reasonable fear of personal injury.

But in the present case the captain, although with hindsight it was to be seen that he committed an error of judgment in bringing his vessel too close, was not negligent.

The Court of Appeal was always slow to differ from a trial judge on findings of fact, especially where they were based on the judge's assessment of the credibility of the witness.

But in the present case the judge had found that Mr McFarlane's evidence was unreliable; she was only prepared to accept it in so far as it was supported by other evidence or was inherently likely to be true.

It had not been supported by other evidence and neither was it inherently likely to be true on the point of fear and safety for his own life. Her judgment could not be supported on that ground.

In the respondent's notice it was submitted that Mr McFarlane, first, was a rescuer and that even if his injury had not resulted from fear for his own safety he was entitled to recover damages because it was due to his experiences in rescuing the survivors, *and, second, that he was obliged to* witness the catastrophe at close range and that it was of such an horrendous nature that even as bystander the owners owed him a duty of care.

In his Lordship's judgment, both as a matter of principle and policy the court should not extend the duty to those who were mere bystanders or witnesses of horrific events unless there was a sufficient degree of proximity, which required both nearness in time and place and a close relationship of love and affection between plaintiff and victim.

Lord Justice Ralph-Gibson and Lord Justice McCowan agreed.

Solicitors: Ince & Co.; Levinson Gray.

Limit to use of police documents

Regina v Chief Constable of the West Midlands Police, Ex parte Wiley
Regina v Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police, Ex parte Sunderland

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Nolan

[Judgment July 23]

Documents which were created and came into existence for the purpose of a police complaints investigation were not to be used for any purpose in civil proceedings except to enable a legal adviser to advise on discovery.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing appeals brought by the Chief Constables of the West Midlands and Nottinghamshire respectively, from the decision of Mr Justice Popplewell (*The Times* December 29, 1992) to allow applications of the applicants, Kelvin Raymond Wiley and Tony Sunderland, for judicial review of the decisions of the chief constables refusing to give undertakings that documents created in relation to police complaints investigations would not be used or relied upon in civil proceedings brought by the applicants.

Mr Jeremy Gompertz, QC and Mr Simon Freeland for the chief constables; Mr Frederic Reynold, QC and Mr Richard Clayton for Mr Wiley; Mr Richard Clayton for Mr Sunderland; Mr David Pannick, QC, for the Police Complaints Authority.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that Mr Wiley was arrested and detained and on the following day he was said to have made a confession in a police interview and was charged with robbery and shotgun offences. Six months later he was released on bail. The prosecution subsequently offered no evidence at his trial in January 1988.

In August 1989 a complaint against the police was made on Mr Wiley's behalf and in 1990 he commenced an action for damages against the Chief Constable of the West Midlands.

Mr Sunderland's case was similar. He was arrested following a fight during which he struck a police officer. His case was that he was seriously assaulted at the police station and he made a complaint under the police complaints procedure.

He appeared for trial but that trial was not concluded a re-trial ordered. The prosecution then offered no evidence. Besides his complaint against the police, Mr Sunderland was minded to commence an action for damages but he had not yet done so.

The police complaints procedure, in the ordinary way, resulted in the accumulation of a file of documents. When the investigation was supervised by the Police Complaints Authority, as happened here, and even when it was not, statute required that a copy of the report be sent to the chief constable or the police authority, after the investigation had been concluded.

That gave rise to a problem if the complainant had also commenced a civil action for damages against the police, or was minded to do so. It was settled law, in the Court of Appeal, that in civil proceedings public interest immunity applied to the documents in the file: *Neilson v Laugharne* ([1981] 1 QB 736). But it did not follow automatically that any file with "Police complaint" written on the cover was wholly covered by that immunity.

First, the chief constable had to decide, with the help of his legal adviser, what was the dominant purpose of the investigation: *Peach v Commissioner of Police* ([1986] QB 1064). Second, there might be documents in the file which came into existence before the complaint was made or independently of it: public interest immunity did not attach to them.

Subject to those two points the chief constable was not obliged to disclose the file on discovery in a civil action, and indeed could not do so. Nor could the documents be put before the court, or shown to a witness in court: and a witness could not be asked what the contents of any of the documents were.

What was contested was whether the chief constable could use the information contained in the documents in any other way to *assist his case in civil proceedings.*

The chief constables conceded that the documents could not be used to assert a positive case and could not form the basis of cross-examination. But it was necessary to consider whether the concession was rightly made and whether a line could logically be drawn at that point. The same applied to the question whether information in the documents might be used for the purpose of drafting a pleading.

That problem was apparently well known to those who were minded to complain against the police and also to commence civil actions. In consequence the chief constables were asked in those cases by the applicants' solicitors to give an undertaking not to use the documents or rely upon any information contained in them in the civil proceedings contemplated by their clients. In each case the chief constable refused to give that undertaking.

Thereafter the two cases diverged. Mr Wiley declined to make any statement about his complaint to the investigating officer without such an undertaking and no police complaints file had come into existence.

Nevertheless he sought judicial review of the chief constable's decision not to give the undertaking requested. Mr Justice Popplewell had declared the chief constable's decision unlawful.

Mr Sunderland similarly refused to make any statement to the officer investigating his complaint since his request for an undertaking from the chief constable had also been refused. However, in his case the investigation did proceed. He applied for judicial review of the chief constable's decision and also succeeded before Mr Justice Popplewell. Both chief constables appealed.

Until recently, public interest immunity was concerned with the disclosure of documents or the information contained in them. Disclosure to persons not entitled to the documents or the information would not be enforced in legal process and was prohibited. By contrast anyone lawfully in possession of the documents or information was entitled to use them for his own purpose.

In that respect public interest immunity was similar to legal professional privilege. Manifestly a litigant was entitled to use the advice of his lawyer and the lawyer was entitled to use information provided by his client. But there was the difference that whereas legal professional privilege could be waived, in general, public interest immunity could not.

It was now submitted on behalf of the applicants, on the authority of recently decided Court of Appeal cases that public interest immunity had a different effect under the police complaints procedure: it prohibited use of the documents or information contained in them for any purposes other than those for which they were obtained or made. Thus they could be used for police disciplinary proceedings or for the prosecution of crime but not for or against the chief constable in civil proceedings.

Counsel had been unable to refer their Lordships to any case where public interest immunity had been held to have that effect outside the context of police complaints.

In his Lordship's judgment, if public interest immunity prohibited use in civil proceedings, the concessions made on behalf of the chief constable were right but did not go far enough. If on the other hand, the prohibition was only on disclosure, they were not justified, *unless it was thought on a particular* case that a pleading or the form of a question impliedly amounted to disclosure.

His Lordship mentioned that point because Mr Wiley and Mr Sunderland said that there was no logic in the chief constable's dividing line. His Lordship agreed; one way or other, the dividing line had to be somewhere else.

There was no authority binding on their Lordships to hold that public interest immunity in a police complaints case extended to use of information in civil proceedings as well as disclosure of documents. If it did, that seemed an extension of existing doctrine as to privilege and immunity in civil cases.

However, his Lordship did recognise that eminent judges had adopted that view in plain terms. *In his Lordship's judgment*, it was not right for this court to differ from them, as his Lordship could not be satisfied that they were wrong to develop the law in that way. The appeals would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Nolan delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Mr J. M. Kilbey, Birmingham; Mr C. P. McKay, Nottingham; White & Billingham, Wolverhampton; Nelson Johnson & Hastings, Nottingham; Treasury Solicitor.

Council can be sued by one formerly in care

Holtom v Barnet London Borough Council and Another

Before Judge Oddie

[Judgment July 6]

A local authority could not be sued in a private law action as an education authority for alleged negligence and lack of care in providing appropriate educational facilities but it could be sued for damages by a person formerly in its care for being in breach of its obligations while it had been *in loco parentis.*

Judge Oddie, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held when refusing the application of the first defendants, Barnet London Borough Council, to strike out the claim of the plaintiff, Angela Holtom, for damages for breach of statutory duty and negligence, but striking out the application of the second defendants, St Christophers School, Bristol.

Mr Stephen Irwin and Miss Jill Peay for the plaintiff; Mr Martyn Berkin for the council; Mr Phillip Engelman for the school.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the plaintiff, born in 1953, had been taken into local authority care by the time she was three years old and remained so until 18 for the most part at the school which was the second defendant.

She was assessed and educated as if mentally handicapped and severely subnormal. On being admitted to a residential hostel when 18 she asked to leave or be sent to a different establishment but was told that since she was educationally subnormal that was not possible as she was unable to look after herself.

She was in fact of normal intelligence and following contact with a doctor in connection with treatment for long term depressive illness she was encouraged to pursue her education and succeeded in attaining seven O levels, two A levels and a GCSE in law.

She now brought an action for damages against the local authority in its capacity as parent, through the institution of the care orders, and as local education authority, and against the school for being in breach of their statutory duties and/or negligent, *inter alia*, for failing to further her *best interests and to afford her the* opportunity for proper development of her character and abilities and aptitudes and her special educational needs, contrary to section 33(2) and 36 of the Education Act 1944, and/or section 6(2)(b) of the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953.

If a statute imposed a duty but no remedy, whether civil or criminal, the assumption was that a private law remedy was open to the plaintiff but it depended upon the construction of the whole of the Act in question. It was necessary to establish a defined and specific duty and not one owed to the public at large.

There were duties under the Education Act 1944 and the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts 1953 and 1959 owed by authorities *in loco parentis* to a particular person; the plaintiff in this case. Therefore she was in a particular class to which a duty was owed under the care order.

Her claim rested on *Meade v Haringey* ([1979] 1 WLR 637) for *suffering special damage by the* breach of statutory duty by a positive act.

There had been remedies under statute open to parents: for review by a local education authority with an avenue of appeal to the secretary of state, or judicial review. It was true that the mother had been in occasional contact but for practical purposes the first defendant had assumed parental functions and responsibilities and would therefore be taking action against itself as educational authority in exercising the parental remedies. In common sense that likelihood was remote.

For the second defendants it was not just and reasonable for them to owe the duty of care pleaded.

Solicitors: Leigh Day & Co; A. E. Wyeth & Co, Dartford; Teacher Stern Selby.

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Oriental Growth	62.36	66.34	-0.06	...
W'wide Growth	62.13	66.45*	..	0.35
-do- Acc	64.82	69.33	+0.01	0.35
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.41	91.41*	-1.98	4.98
Deposit Fund Acc	93.40	93.40	+0.01	4.98
Quilter Fund	128.84	137.06*	-0.39	2.17
Quilter Fund Acc	144.55	153.78	-0.44	2.17
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	65.06	69.22	+0.30	1.89
-do- Acc	73.82	78.54	+0.30	1.89
Income Fund 5	227.60	242.20	-0.40	3.84
-do- Acc	529.70	563.60	-0.80	3.84
Inv Portfolio	70.73	73.30	+0.14	2.04
-do- Acc	80.60	83.53	+0.17	2.04
Smaller Cos	136.80	145.60	+0.10	1.47
-do- Acc	165.60	176.20	+0.20	1.47
High Inc P folio	65.11	67.48	+0.01	4.14
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	91.95	97.82	+0.03	0.81
Japanese Acc	66.26	70.49*	-0.26	..
UK Balncd Inc	133.10	141.60	+0.30	2.43
-do- Acc	157.00	167.00	+0.30	2.43
UK Growth Acc	214.50	228.20	+0.80	1.96
UK High Inc	144.90	154.20	+0.30	5.74
-do- Acc	175.40	186.60	+0.30	5.74
N America Acc	117.30	124.80	+0.10	0.22
European Acc	173.70	184.80*	+0.80	0.53
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.51	66.30	-0.20	6.64
-do- Acc	102.90	109.10	-0.10	6.64
Intl Sp Sits Acc	50.63	53.86*	+0.01	0.21
Environmnd Opp	75.47	80.29	-0.17	1.53
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	116.20	123.50	-0.30	0.40
UK Smlr Cos	218.40	232.10	-0.40	1.08
Eurofund	41.37	43.77	+0.01	0.91
Mngd Exempt	177.40	184.90	+2.10	2.84
Growth Inc	225.60	239.70*	-1.10	3.13
High Dist	155.50	165.20	-0.20	4.54
International	345.30	366.90	+0.50	0.89
Intl Income	87.10	92.98*	-0.06	2.80
Pacific	63.99	67.99	-0.06	0.44
Smllr Jap Cos	80.18	85.19	+0.35	...
Tokyo	221.10	234.90*	+1.30	...
Japan Exempt	125.00	128.40	-3.40	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	613.00	629.80	-17.00	0.08
Equity Income	129.10	137.20*	-0.40	3.64
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	154.20	163.20	..	0.46
Financial	45.38	48.22*	+0.02	2.48
Global Opps Inc	94.75	100.70	..	0.99
-do- Acc	98.21	104.30	-0.10	0.99
Gold Gen Inc	47.96	50.96	-0.25	0.59
-do- Acc	92.06	97.81	-0.48	0.59
Japan General	172.30	183.10	+0.71	..
Preference	23.93	25.41	-0.04	7.15
Worldwide Cap	211.50	224.70	-0.50	1.78
World Income	91.68	97.41	-0.10	3.00
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	186.00	197.90	...	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	111.69	117.57	-0.24	3.27
High Income	130.92	137.81	-0.32	4.52
Tst of Inv Tsts	165.90	174.53	-0.27	2.15
Special Sits	86.87	91.44*	-0.05	2.11
North American	109.92	115.70*	-0.71	1.05
Far Eastern	267.64	281.73	-0.30	1.41
Intl Growth	100.93	106.24	-0.12	1.40
European	70.50	74.21	-0.29	1.89
Smaller Cos	73.03	76.87	-0.23	1.93
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 720 707				
United Charities	239.30	254.50	..	3.84
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00		5.40
European Tst	145.40	154.60	+0.40	...
High Income	27.13	28.55*	-0.01	5.74
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	104.30	110.20*	+0.50	0.51
Far Eastern	147.40	157.90	-0.80	...
High Income	23.96	25.39	-0.08	10.00
Oseas Income	95.12	101.70	+0.20	2.98
UK Growth	101.30	108.30*	..	0.78
UK Income	108.20	115.70	-0.40	5.19
US Smaller Cos	286.10	306.00	+0.70	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	52.30	55.51	+0.07	.
-do- Acc	52.30	55.51	+0.07	..
Am Smllr Co	462.80	494.90	-0.40	..
-do- Acc	472.80	505.60	-0.40	..
Capital	293.50	318.50	-0.20	1.58
-do- Acc	421.10	447.90	+0.30	1.58
Contl Smllr Cos	51.19	54.93	-0.29	0.88
-do- Acc	53.51	57.42	-0.30	0.88
Convertible	127.20	135.20	-0.10	5.42
-do- Acc	241.30	256.60	-0.20	5.42
Emg Mark	60.47	64.60	+0.28	..
-do- Acc	60.47	64.60	+0.28	..
European	106.60	113.70	-0.60	0.60
-do- Acc	111.20	118.60	-0.70	0.60
Extra Income	318.30	338.50	+0.10	3.66
-do- Acc	455.90	484.80	+0.30	3.66
Financial	118.10	126.40	+0.40	0.18
-do- Acc	123.60	132.30	+0.40	0.18
Gilt Gth Tst	68.17	70.29	-0.20	5.75
-do- Acc	89.09	90.83	-0.26	5.75
Health Fund Inc	124.70	133.20	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	124.70	133.20	-0.30	...
Income Tst	192.30	204.50	+0.10	3.52
-do- Acc	272.50	289.80	+0.10	3.52
Intl Growth	348.40	372.20	+0.60	.
-do- Acc	386.90	413.30	+0.60	.
Japan Gen	198.40	212.10	-0.50	..
-do- Acc	200.40	214.30	+0.60	..
Mngd P folio Inc	98.04	103.20	+0.10	0.79
-do- Acc	103.10	108.50	+0.10	0.79
Monthly Income	163.90	174.30	...	3.66
Qrtly Inc	53.42	56.82	+0.05	5.34
-do- Acc	54.18	57.63	+0.05	5.34
Recovery	317.00	339.00	-0.10	0.34
-do- Acc	372.40	398.20	-0.10	0.34
UK Growth	48.70	52.00	-0.13	2.45
-do- Acc	48.70	52.03	-0.13	2.45
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	367.71	391.16	+0.74	2.88
-do- Acc	750.86	798.79	+1.52	2.88
Euro Gth Dist	119.14	126.74*	+0.14	0.65
-do- Acc	123.72	131.62*	+0.43	0.65
Fixed Int Dist	138.11	146.09*	-0.01	5.82
-do- Acc	236.36	250.01*	+0.02	5.82
Intl Gth Dist	83.35	88.67	+0.03	0.57
-do- Acc	86.53	92.05	+0.03	0.57
Nth Amer Dist	177.48	188.01	-0.53	0.72
-do- Acc	193.43	204.90	-0.56	0.72
Pac Basin Dist	266.87	283.90	+0.19	0.01
-do- Acc	271.96	289.32	-0.20	0.01
Stewardship Dist	317.52	337.79	+0.04	1.97
-do- Acc	378.61	402.78	+0.06	1.97
Stwd Inc Dist	69.02	73.43*	-0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	85.98	91.47*	-0.25	3.20
N Am Stwd Dist	100.85	107.27	+0.04	..
-do- Acc	106.67	113.48	+0.04	.
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	142.40	152.30	+0.30	..
European	458.60	487.70	+1.90	0.67
Far East General	249.50	266.90	-0.80	0.27
Germany	111.40	117.90	-0.10	0.39
Global Assets In	76.89	81.92	-0.06	1.97
Global Assets Ac	81.30	86.62	-0.07	1.97
Income Inc	138.40	148.10*	-0.30	5.95
International	312.30	333.60	-0.70	0.84
Intl Income	83.17	88.25	-0.06	4.51
Japan General	410.10	436.40	-1.60	...
Smllr Cos Div	50.56	54.08	+0.29	5.98
UK Capital Inc	177.50	189.90	-0.20	3.96
-do- Acc	306.20	327.50	-0.20	3.96
UK Spec Sits	83.32	89.12	+0.19	1.42
US General	127.50	135.80	+1.40	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	136.90	145.90	-0.30	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.83	51.15	-0.12	2.07
Cash Trust*	130.50	130.50	+0.02	5.38
Fract Inv Inc	108.76	116.61*	-0.20	3.78
-do- Acc	239.60	256.90*	-0.44	3.78
UK Smaller Cos	109.47	117.39	..	1.68
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.68	29.60	-0.04	7.91
High Inc	34.23	36.61*	-0.04	4.91
UK Equity Inc	137.15	146.68	-0.20	3.70
Global Bond	30.41	31.52*	-0.04	4.47
International Funds				
Gold Intl	86.82	93.10	-0.79	1.10
Frontier Markets	46.84	50.23	+0.18	0.04
Global Inc Gth	127.48	135.75	-0.16	3.61
UK Intl	128.10	137.01	-0.02	0.57
Overseas Funds				
American	135.19	144.27	+0.12	0.47
European	90.66	96.67	-0.31	0.95
Euro Sel Opps	110.51	117.55*	-0.32	0.62
American Emerg	93.87	100.66	+0.30	..
Hong Kong	121.76	130.57	+0.89	2.12
Japan	241.06	256.78	-0.72	...
Pacific Growth	174.12	186.72	+0.58	0.06
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	135.78	145.22	+0.05	0.32
American Gth	141.29	151.11	+0.60	..
European Gth	73.15	78.23	-0.01	0.72
Japan Gth	84.54	90.34	-0.14	...
Greater China	150.89	161.38	+0.83	1.23
Pacific Strategy	137.10	146.63	-0.02	0.24
UK Prog Inc	81.59	85.86*	-0.92	4.35
British Growth	51.66	54.56	+0.41	2.25
UK Small Cos	46.96	50.23	-0.15	1.32
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Square, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.70	132.70	+0.10	5.53
Gilt Fixed	130.30	138.40*	+0.10	4.65
Growth Equity	307.40	328.40	-0.50	2.03
Guardhill	450.50	481.20*	+1.10	2.14
Income Trust	118.40	126.40	+0.40	3.30
International	169.70	181.30*	+0.10	0.05
Japan Trust	132.60	141.60	-0.30	...
Nth American	270.50	288.90	..	0.26
Pacific	421.50	450.30	+1.80	...
European	395.40	422.40	+1.40	0.34
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	37.21	39.45*	-0.10	1.46
-do- Acc	39.20	41.56	+0.10	1.46
Inc Adv Inc	31.28	33.16	+0.10	3.71
-do- Acc	33.12	35.11	+0.10	3.71
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	78.43	84.02	-1.09	0.68
Equity Income	121.90	129.70*	+0.10	3.10
European	144.50	152.80	+0.10	0.88
Intl Situation	80.00	85.11	+0.22	...
Japanese	147.60	156.60	-1.20	...
North American	94.67	100.40	-0.60	0.02
Scandinavian	128.00	136.10*	-0.30	...
Smaller Cos	32.15	34.20	-0.03	1.75
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	98.67	105.47	+0.29	..
Asian Enterprise	143.91	153.89	+0.65	0.37
European	422.17	447.16	+0.50	0.59
European Inc	77.01	81.42*	+0.15	2.66
Euro Sml Co	129.81	137.98	+0.37	0.55
Extra Income	276.57	294.43*	-0.11	5.36
Family of Funds	76.31	81.39	+0.60	0.56
Global Bond	56.01	62.35*	-0.04	6.58
High Inc	312.22	333.75	-0.49	3.84
Income Gth	256.58	273.25	-0.36	3.20
-do- Acc	663.69	706.62	-0.94	3.20
International	246.28	263.07*	-0.60	0.50
Japan Spc Sit	257.68	274.30*	-0.78	...
Japan	223.77	238.36	-1.22	..
N Amer	230.85	245.69	+0.46	...
Pacific Smllr Cos	211.55	225.05*	+1.19	0.17
Pref Gilt	49.22	52.90	-0.08	7.21
Special Sits	276.73	296.10*	+0.05	1.53
-do- Acc	429.05	459.08	-0.09	1.53
Best of British	59.09	63.21	-0.33	2.19
Henderson TR				
Euro Spec Sits	52.73	56.21	+0.19	0.76
-do- Acc	55.83	59.52	-0.21	0.76
Global Tech	142.36	152.21	-0.25	..
Special Opps	114.50	123.11*	-0.10	1.35
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	92.37	98.79	-0.09	2.11
Capital	162.60	173.80	+0.80	1.80
Dollar	327.30	350.00	-1.10	0.01
European	214.00	228.30	+2.30	0.56
Far East	261.10	279.20	-0.20	0.23
Financial	777.00	831.00*	-0.20	1.80
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.51	28.58	-0.19	7.24
High Yield	110.20	117.80	-0.20	4.16
Income	143.90	153.90	-0.80	3.10
Intl	226.20	241.90	+0.10	0.18
Japan Tech	75.03	80.24	-0.59	..
Nat Resources	59.26	63.37	-0.70	0.45
Security	310.20	331.70*	-0.40	1.85
Smaller Cos	119.40	127.70	...	1.12
Special Sits	144.30	154.30*	-0.30	1.53
US Smaller Cos	78.66	84.12	...	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.17	29.04*	-0.01	1.13
Special Features	29.62	31.47*	-0.11	1.67
-do- Acc	35.25	37.45*	-0.14	1.65
General Funds				
UK Growth	57.19	61.07	-0.07	1.75
Assets Earnings	74.74	79.41	-0.02	1.84
do Acc	89.19	94.76	-0.03	1.83
Managed Invest	94.22	100.40	-0.20	1.09
Rupert Children	79.25	84.50	-0.28	2.04
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.28	50.28*	+0.01	4.49
Extra Inc	86.03	91.88	-0.06	4.99
Gilt	29.26	30.83	-0.07	6.20
Income Gth	41.53	44.27	+0.01	3.45
MIMstar	80.79	82.59	-0.02	7.55
Preference	18.83	20.00*	-0.03	6.50
UK Income	327.50	349.70*	-0.10	3.16
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	65.12	69.19	-0.04	1.16
Property Shares	72.60	77.45*	-0.04	1.61
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	155.00	162.20	...	4.24
European Acc	126.30	133.90*	-0.20	1.44
European Dist	119.10	126.20*	-0.20	1.44
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.63	52.75*	-0.27	1.06
European Perf	127.60	135.30*	..	0.49
-do- Acc	131.90	139.80*	+0.10	0.49
Euro Small Cos	23.98	25.47	+0.07	0.47
French Growth	73.72	79.32	+0.04	0.33
-do- Acc	78.75	83.67	+0.04	0.33
Hong K/China	74.48	79.13	+0.36	1.62
Intl Growth	55.04	58.48	-0.21	0.58
-do- Acc	55.04	58.48	-0.21	0.58
Japan Perf	35.33	37.51	-0.31	...
Accum Units	35.33	37.51	-0.31	...
Japan Smllr Cos	42.15	44.78*	-0.11	...
Singapore Asean	96.19	102.30	...	0.19
-do- Acc	96.85	102.90	...	0.19
South East Asia	262.10	278.40	+0.90	0.54
US Smllr Cos	111.20	118.10	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	112.30	119.30	+0.30	..
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	90.43	96.36	-0.09	2.42
Intl Bond	59.36	60.21*	-0.10	5.88
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600, Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	55.79	59.35*	+0.42	6.53
Gilt Yield	123.10	129.80*	-0.40	6.94
Global Income	212.70	226.30*	-2.32	3.87
High Yield	144.30	153.50	-2.09	5.43
Smllr Cos Div	53.40	56.81*	-0.01	3.45
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.16	99.11	-0.39	...
North American	77.18	82.11	-0.38	0.41
European	141.90	150.90	+0.40	1.48
Euro Special	84.57	89.97	+0.59	1.39
General	274.10	291.60	-1.00	3.06
Japan	463.90	493.50	-2.60	...
Japanese Special	265.00	281.90	+0.70	...
Master Acc	231.80	246.60	-0.20	1.25
Pacific	299.20	318.30	+4.70	0.51
Smaller Cos	105.70	112.50	...	1.50
UK Equity Gth	39.63	42.16*	-0.15	1.66
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	80.55	85.69	+0.96	0.91
Extra Income	25.20	26.81*	+0.14	3.80
Far East	30.03	31.95*	+0.63	0.26
Income Gwth	75.21	80.01*	+0.40	2.90
Intl Growth	54.73	58.22*	+0.56	0.59
Japan	70.17	74.65	+1.41	...
Maximum Dist*	100.50	102.50	+0.10	6.81
N Amer Equity	39.09	41.49	+0.04	0.35
UK Equity	91.50	97.34	+0.53	2.69
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	54.39	57.86	-0.24	4.32
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	444.60	473.00*	-1.50	2.50
Equity Acc	857.10	911.80*	-2.80	2.50
Equity Income	98.98	105.30	-0.20	4.33
European	105.50	112.20	-0.60	0.94
Far Eastern	203.40	216.40*	+1.50	..
Fixed Interest	55.23	58.73*	-0.09	5.53
Gilt	97.22	103.10	-0.10	5.20
Global Growth	72.96	77.62	+0.41	0.12
Intl Bond	57.92	61.54*	+0.02	4.27
Japanese	76.95	81.86	+0.33	...
Overseas Equity	106.10	112.90	...	...
Pacific Gth	95.22	101.30*	+0.80	0.29
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	330.80	352.00	+0.10	2.63
-do- Acc	726.70	773.10	+0.30	2.63
Contl Euro Gth	56.40	59.37	-0.26	1.15
-do- Acc	59.65	62.79	-0.28	1.15
Extra Inc	253.40	269.60	-3.60	3.72
-do- Acc	626.40	666.40	-9.10	3.72
German Gth	115.50	121.60	+0.90	0.02
-do- Acc	121.10	127.50	-0.90	0.02
Growth Port	511.70	544.40*	+0.40	0.41
-do- Acc	515.30	548.30	+0.40	0.41
Income	476.70	507.30	-6.50	3.53
-do- Acc	1224.0	1303.0	-15.00	3.53
Income Port	513.30	546.10	+0.10	4.33
-do- Acc	520.90	554.20	+0.10	4.33
Japan Growth	107.90	114.80	-0.40	0.01
-do- Acc	108.30	115.30	-0.30	0.01
Master Trust	54.99	58.51	+0.06	1.19
-do- Acc	60.55	64.42	+0.07	1.19
N American Gen	193.30	205.70	+0.40	0.01
-do- Acc	223.20	237.50	+0.30	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	147.10	156.50	-2.00	0.01
-do- Acc	150.20	159.80	-1.90	0.01
Pacific Basin	223.80	238.10	+0.50	0.68
-do- Acc	236.50	251.60	+0.60	0.68
Small Cos Rec	325.50	342.70	-10.40	2.30
-do- Acc	423.80	446.20	-13.60	2.30
UK Growth	81.13	86.31	-1.13	2.19
-do- Acc	95.59	101.70	-1.30	2.19
Worldwide Gth	298.50	317.60	...	0.25
-do- Acc	440.20	468.30	...	0.25
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	82.58	88.60	+0.22	2.60
Income	65.09	69.84*	+0.08	4.90
International	60.08	64.46	-0.03	0.80
American	60.84	65.28	-0.10	0.30
Japan	57.26	61.44*	-0.38	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.15	67.76	+0.06	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	388.40	410.70	-3.00	0.82
-do- Acc	479.90	507.40	-3.80	0.82
American Rec	431.90	456.70	+0.40	0.14
-do- Acc	494.90	523.30	+0.50	0.14
Am Sm Co Acc	130.50	137.90	-0.30	...
Australia Acc	166.30	175.90	+0.10	1.17
Capital	723.70	765.30*	+0.60	2.21
-do- Acc	808.30	854.70	-0.60	2.21
Commodity Acc	433.80	458.90	-1.00	0.87
Compnd Gth	884.50	935.30	-0.20	2.57
Dividend	38.80	41.00	...	3.97
-do- Acc	153.60	162.60	+0.10	3.97
Equity Inc	326.20	345.00*	-0.30	4.34
European Div	64.90	68.60	-0.10	3.85
-do- Acc	75.10	79.50	...	3.85
European Gen	436.70	461.80	+0.10	0.85
-do- Acc	548.60	580.10	+0.20	0.85
Extra Yield	406.40	429.80*	+0.20	4.04
-do- Acc	1214.3	1284.3	+0.70	4.04
Far Eastern	327.80	346.60*	-0.80	0.43
-do- Acc	432.40	457.20	-1.10	0.43
Fund of Inv	561.80	594.10	+1.70	2.03
-do- Acc	1024.7	1083.7	-3.10	2.03
General	57.80	61.10	+0.10	3.43
-do- Acc	154.50	163.50	+0.30	3.43
Gilt Fxd Int	66.09	66.19*	+0.03	7.08
do Acc	166.50	168.75	+0.09	7.08
Gold	53.50	56.60	-0.20	1.06
-do- Acc	62.90	66.60	-0.10	1.06
High Inc	27.40	29.00	+0.30	4.15
-do- Acc	103.80	109.80	+0.30	4.15
Intl Growth	72.70	76.90	-0.10	0.67
-do- Acc	125.90	133.20	-0.20	0.67
Intl Inc	100.00	105.80	...	4.42
Japan Gen Acc	54.40	57.50	-0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	166.50	176.10	+0.90	...
Midland	60.20	63.70	...	2.89
-do- Acc	192.80	203.90	-0.20	2.89
Recovery	39.10	41.40	-0.10	2.41
-do- Acc	62.30	65.90	-0.10	2.41
Second Gen	67.10	71.00	+0.30	3.20
-do- Acc	166.30	175.90	+0.60	3.20
Smaller Cos	65.20	69.00*	...	2.82
-do- Acc	125.20	132.50	+0.10	2.82
Trustee	42.40	44.90	+0.10	3.50
Charibond 3	118.02	...	+0.20	9.14
Charifund 2	691.50	698.50	+1.70	5.23
Pension ex 1	906.60	929.30	+2.20	4.69
NAACIF Inc 3	149.02	...	+0.20	6.88
-do- Acc 3	1209.8	...	+2.80	6.88
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 418, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	145.00	155.10	-0.13	1.89
-do- Acc	162.90	173.80	-0.13	1.89
UK Income	121.20	129.60	-0.31	2.32
-do- Acc	137.00	146.50	-0.31	2.32
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	91.70	98.07	+0.66	0.41
Far East	145.70	154.70	...	0.16
Income Growth	75.98	80.66*	+1.04	2.94
European	76.02	80.70	+0.47	1.07
Nth American	59.48	63.14	-0.07	0.42
UK Growth	81.87	86.91	+0.88	1.98
Intl Growth	102.30	108.60	+0.20	0.32
Charities	115.20	122.30*	+0.20	3.87
Ind Income	71.70	76.11*	+0.21	4.06
Japan	59.06	62.70	+0.22	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	191.00	202.70	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	204.10	216.60	-0.80	...
Cash	100.90	100.90	...	5.56
-do- Acc	131.10	131.10	...	5.56
Emrg Mkts Acc	97.93	105.30	-0.10	..
European Gth	214.30	227.90	+0.10	0.70
-do- Acc	230.70	245.40	+0.20	0.70
General	498.30	530.90*	-0.10	2.32
-do- Acc	934.50	996.80*	-0.10	2.32
Global Dist	131.40	138.10*	...	5.77
-do- Acc	151.10	158.80*	...	5.77
Income	147.90	157.20*	+0.40	4.33
-do- Acc	219.30	233.50*	+0.40	4.33
International	417.90	445.90	-1.10	0.63
-do- Acc	555.70	592.50	-1.50	0.63
Japan Acc	206.40	218.50	+0.30	...
New Europe	154.90	165.20	...	1.57
-do- Acc	157.40	167.90	...	1.57
Recovery	304.90	325.20	+0.10	2.76
-do- Acc	385.20	410.90	+0.10	2.76
European Inc	78.79	83.71	+0.18	2.91
-do- Acc	102.10	108.40	+0.20	2.91
Brit Blue Chip	74.92	79.76*	+0.01	3.16
-do- Acc	90.09	95.92*	+0.02	3.16
Portfolio	77.96	82.88*	+0.15	2.73
-do- Acc	89.46	95.11*	+0.15	2.73
Gold General	126.60	136.10	-2.00	0.69
-do- Acc	129.50	139.20	-2.10	0.69
Pacific	102.80	109.70	+0.10	0.76
-do- Acc	109.30	116.60	+0.10	0.76
UK Smaller Cos	56.16	59.90*	-0.06	1.82
-do- Acc	63.10	67.31*	-0.07	1.82
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.68	63.83	-0.15	2.56
-do- Acc	60.60	64.81	-0.16	2.56
British Dist	80.25	85.83	-0.34	2.01
-do- Acc	90.84	97.15	-0.40	2.01
European Gth	191.00	204.30	+0.80	0.02
-do- Acc	239.80	256.50	+0.90	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.63	78.75	-0.09	5.40
-do- Acc	131.60	140.80	-0.20	5.40
FT-SE 100 Index	50.42	53.93	-0.27	2.59
-do- Acc	51.17	54.73	-0.28	2.59
Gilt Fixed Int	58.11	60.50	-0.10	6.52
-do- Acc	157.20	163.70	-0.30	6.52
High Yield	235.20	251.50	-0.70	4.36
-do- Acc	552.10	590.50	-1.60	4.36
Income	293.90	314.30	-1.00	3.08
-do- Acc	621.30	664.50	-2.00	3.08
Japan Gth	366.10	391.60	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	386.40	413.30	-1.90	...
Mandarin Acc	108.60	116.10	+0.50	0.77
North American	167.20	178.80	-0.10	0.52
-do- Acc	210.90	225.60	-0.10	0.52
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enq: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	294.80	313.30	+0.30	...
Deposit Inc	100.09	100.09*	+0.01	5.75
Deposit Acc	123.95	123.95*	+0.01	5.75
Euro Gth Acc	321.00	342.50	+0.20	...
Europa	138.80	149.00*	+0.40	...
Intl Gth	179.20	191.50	-0.60	...
Japan Tracker	79.82	84.56	-0.46	...
UK Equity Inc	165.50	177.90	+0.80	3.72
-do- Acc	203.00	218.20	-1.00	3.72
UK Ind Tracker	149.70	160.30*	+0.10	3.00
US Eq Ind Trkr	194.80	208.10*	-0.70	1.43
-do- Acc	206.80	219.30*	-0.70	1.43
Asian Trader	179.80	194.80	-0.10	0.41
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	169.70	173.90*	-0.90	1.77
European	66.76	67.89*	-0.12	1.71
Olympiad	60.27	61.82*	-0.11	0.21
Global Bond	49.17	49.74*	+0.07	6.24
Smaller Cos	70.71	73.82	-0.12	1.21
Equity Income	96.42	99.03*	+0.18	4.98
UK Growth	87.21	89.95	+0.27	1.77
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.74	50.92	-0.21	1.15
Australian Acc	321.10	344.50	+1.20	..
Conscience	64.67	69.01	-1.30	1.21
-do- Acc	69.80	74.49	-1.41	1.21
European	182.40	194	+0.20	0.80
-do- Acc	196.20	208.70	+0.20	0.80
Extra Income	75.55	80.62*	-0.23	5.51
-do- Acc	117.10	124.90	-0.30	5.51
Far East Gth	182.80	195.90	+2.60	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.52	63.87*	-0.01	6.20
Gold	44.96	48.34	+0.89	...
-do- Acc	48.42	52.06	+0.96	...
Income	55.20	58.88	-0.11	4.69
-do- Acc	168.90	180.10	-0.40	4.69
International	31.23	33.50	-0.05	0.63
-do- Acc	44.87	48.13	-0.07	0.63
Jap Sm Cos Acc	380.50	405.80	-0.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	224.70	240.90	-1.00	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.74	28.75	+0.11	0.65
Special Sits	34.03	36.59	-0.01	1.72
-do- Acc	39.19	42.13	-0.03	1.72
Tokyo	88.97	94.90	-0.62	...
-do- Acc	89.87	95.86	-0.63	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	70.35	74.85	-0.02	2.60
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	78.32	82.68*	+0.04	5.55
N&P Higher Inc	213.40	227.10	-0.40	4.52
N&P UK Income	107.90	114.80	-0.40	3.47
N&P Intl	92.72	98.64	-0.01	1.75
N&P Smaller Cos	78.90	83.94*	-0.07	1.52
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 332 9800				
General	175.21	186.40	-0.01	2.02
Global	311.83	331.74*	+0.79	2.86
Growth	115.22	122.58	-0.09	1.72
Income	215.62	229.39	-0.01	3.70
Intl Bond	137.62	146.14	+0.40	7.30
Intrepid Fd	97.61	101.68	...	1.70
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470, Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	145.10	152.70	-0.10	2.43
-do- Acc	257.10	270.60	-0.20	2.43
Income	235.30	250.30	+0.30	3.23
Intl Equity	234.90	249.90*	-0.20	0.70
-do- Acc	258.80	275.30	-0.30	0.70
Equity	228.40	242.90	...	2.30
-do- Acc	468.30	498.10	-0.10	2.30
UK Intl.25 Acc	73.74	78.44	-0.05	1.78
UK Income	64.23	68.33	+0.03	2.80
UK Smllr Co Acc	81.74	86.95	+0.03	1.30
New Europe Acc	67.16	71.44	+0.31	0.92
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	103.66	110.87	-0.16	0.18
PEP Growth	108.75	116.32	-0.15	1.38
Intl Gth	526.09	562.67	-0.30	0.62
Income	333.01	356.17	-0.99	3.02
W wide Recov	334.48	357.74	-0.94	0.51
American Gth	219.40	234.66	+0.40	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	204.06	218.25	-2.70	0.19
Far East Gth	278.69	298.29	-1.11	0.36
European Gth	126.78	135.60	+0.39	0.98
UK Growth	82.87	88.64	-0.47	2.75
High Income	90.19	96.46	-0.30	4.19
Japanese Gth	230.22	244.75	-0.09	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 263443				
International	189.30	201.40	-0.10	0.61
High Income	114.40	121.70	-0.60	3.35
Conv Gilt	116.90	124.40*	-0.20	5.65
Far East	336.80	358.30*	-0.40	0.32
Global Inc Acc	33.65	35.79	-0.11	4.69
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.80	55.11	-0.35	0.20
Emerging Mkts	73.38	78.06	-0.16	0.49
General	49.70	52.87	-0.10	3.04
International	88.93	94.61	-0.05	1.27
Gilt Units	26.56	27.38*	-0.08	7.04
Global PEP	37.30	39.68	-0.06	1.93
Income Gth	70.26	74.74*	-0.21	4.38
European	47.10	50.11	-0.10	0.60
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.12	28.85*	-0.01	5.42
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	33.23	35.54	-0.06	1.50
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.34	101.84*	+0.01	4.68
-do- Acc	106.53	107.05*	+0.01	4.68
Pru Equity	686.99	734.74	-1.23	2.43
Pru Equity Inc	84.16	90.00*	-0.32	4.34
Pru European	190.25	203.47	+0.23	0.82
Pru Global Gth	83.65	89.46	-0.14	1.19
Pru High Inc	89.51	95.73*	-0.15	4.90
Pru Intl	169.74	181.54	-0.20	1.03
Pru Intl Sm Co	73.53	78.64*	+0.21	0.62
Pru Japanese	209.13	223.66*	-0.89	...
Pru Nth Amer	152.59	163.19	-2.39	0.76
Pru Pacific Mkt	84.62	90.50	+0.28	1.02
Pru Premr Inc	51.54	53.65	-0.03	5.04
Pru Smllr Cos	86.09	92.01	+0.19	2.14
Pru Spec Sits	102.13	109.22	-0.26	2.30
Pru UK Grwth	113.26	121.13*	-0.28	2.38
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2892/4				
FA Income	164.91	176.20	-0.08	3.87
FA Japan	292.37	311.41	+0.21	...
FA Maj UK Cos	96.23	102.73	+0.27	2.39
FA America Inc	821.36	855.38*	+0.35	0.92
-do- Acc	607.54	647.19	+0.42	0.92
FA Smlr UK Cos	281.58	304.99*	+0.53	1.45
FA European	274.63	291.22	+1.60	1.25
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.52	79.28	-0.21	3.77
Capital Units	151.80	161.50	+0.40	1.07
Commodity	103.90	110.50*	-0.60	1.11
European Gth	172.90	183.90	+0.80	1.06
Financial Sec	187.30	199.30	+0.80	1.27
High Return	220.90	235.00	+0.30	3.70
High Yield	217.40	231.30*	...	3.87
Income Units	115.90	123.30*	-0.20	4.46
Investment	192.30	204.80	+0.70	1.16
Japan Gth	173.00	184.00*	-0.70	...
Japan Smaller	207.60	220.80	+0.90	...
Masterfund	50.19	53.39	+0.13	0.85
Scotbits	285.80	304.00	+0.90	0.94
Scotshares	267.50	284.60	+0.80	2.31
Scotyields	233.30	248.20*	+0.30	3.81
Select Intl	135.10	143.70	+0.10	0.58
Smaller Cos	239.10	254.40*	+0.40	3.78
Special Situation	113.30	120.50	...	0.65
UK Equity	233.80	248.70	+0.90	2.66
US Growth	144.70	153.90	-0.20	0.25
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	242.75	258.06	-0.97	0.55
-do- Acc	263.01	279.60	-1.05	0.55
Australian	133.17	142.04	-0.16	0.32
-do- Acc	157.35	167.84	+0.19	0.32
UK Enterprise	228.73	243.97	-0.60	2.15
-do- Acc	267.29	285.10	-0.70	2.15
European Gth	66.58	70.81	-0.04	1.18
-do- Acc	69.15	73.54	-0.05	1.18
Euro Smllr Cos	61.66	65.72	+0.34	0.58
-do- Acc	62.08	66.17	+0.34	0.58
Far Eastern Gth	78.86	84.11	-0.32	...
-do- Acc	80.15	85.47	-0.33	...
Fixed Interest	54.96	57.91	-0.25	5.82
-do- Acc	69.07	72.78	-0.31	5.82
Gilt Income	107.33	113.12	-0.59	7.10
-do- Acc	154.03	162.35	-0.85	7.10
Income	337.56	360.06	-1.63	3.89
-do- Acc	1014.4	1082.1	-4.59	3.89
Japan Enterprise	71.66	76.43	+0.05	...
-do- Acc	71.66	76.43	+0.05	...
Japan Smllr Cos	525.88	560.93	+1.57	...
-do- Acc	526.93	562.06	+1.58	...
Pacific Gth	105.45	112.48	+0.13	0.09
-do- Acc	108.58	115.81	+0.12	0.09
Smaller Cos	202.21	215.69	-0.56	0.83
-do- Acc	233.88	249.47	-0.65	0.83
Tokyo	118.32	126.20	-0.27	...
-do- Acc	119.51	127.47	-0.28	...
UK Equity	224.79	239.77	-0.09	2.50
-do- Acc	422.01	450.14	-1.87	2.50
US Smllr Cos	147.28	157.09	+0.97	...
-do- Acc	147.28	157.09	+0.97	...
World Fd	74.92	79.91	-0.24	1.68
-do- Acc	79.64	84.95	-0.25	1.68
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	50.40	53.68	-0.08	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.00	70.29	-0.07	0.94
European Opps	79.06	84.20	+0.69	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.39	100.93	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	58.26	62.05	+0.09	1.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh: 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	360.30	384.80	-1.10	2.73
American	257.70	273.70	-0.40	0.72
Pacific	360.90	386.00	...	0.55
European	492.90	526.30	+2.30	1.04
Worldwide	87.05	93.10	+0.15	1.05
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	315.10	335.30	+0.70	2.00
UK Sm Cos Eqty	223.80	234.90	-0.10	1.43
European	360.80	383.90	-0.30	1.43
North American	269.50	286.80	-0.20	0.55
Income Plus Inc	70.72	75.24*	-0.34	2.72
UK Spec Sits	...	...	...	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.14	29.05	+0.02	2.75
Intl Growth Acc	31.13	33.32	+0.01	1.01
Market Ldrs Acc	27.12	29.03	-0.04	2.03
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	‡109.30	...	+0.10	...
Global Bond	‡105.60	...	+0.60	7.12
Japan Samurai	‡100.20	...	-0.10	..
UK Growth	‡102.20	...	+0.10	3.87
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	47.12	50.07	+0.20	1.45
Equity Gth Acc	64.84	68.90	+0.40	1.29
UK Eq General	44.10	46.86	-0.10	2.08
-do- Acc	58.24	61.89	+0.20	2.08
European Acc	45.30	48.14	+0.30	0.70
Far East Acc	60.54	64.33	+0.50	0.28
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.30	35.22	+0.10	5.78
N American Acc	44.18	46.95	-0.10	0.69
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	295.80	321.00	+0.70	1.24
UK Eq High Inc	38.53	40.94	+0.20	3.38
-do- Acc	45.76	48.62	+0.30	3.38
UK Lgr Cos Inc	305.30	331.30	-1.00	3.60
UK Lgr Cos Acc	397.50	431.30	+1.30	3.60
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N233.76	N233.90	+0.049	1.34
US Eq	$2.250	$2.387	+0.051	1.12
Far East Eq	Y248.9	Y264.3	+2.00	..
Japan Eq	Y258.3	Y274.4	+5.80	..
FT Europe	120.80	128.30	+1.90	3.06
FT North Am	$1.765	$1.870	+0.033	1.28
FT Japan	Y241.1	Y256.1	-1.30	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.059	$2.187	+0.037	1.40
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	353.20	376.60	-1.50	0.33
British	997.40	1055.2*	+0.60	3.40
European	437.00	464.40	-2.80	1.26
Japan	164.20	174.20	+0.50	..
New Pacific	325.30	346.40	+0.30	0.94
Mngd Cash	96.25	96.25	+0.01	5.07
Majority Sdg	100.45	101.46	+0.01	4.78
Inv Tst	203.60	215.80*	-0.70	1.66
Saints PPP	408.20	429.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Adastra, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690380				
Equity Acc	768.50	821.90	-1.30	2.72
N America Acc	123.50	132.10	+0.50	0.02
Far East Acc	135.00	144.40	+0.20	0.24
W wide Bond	64.12	68.07	+0.10	5.23
European	91.84	98.22	-0.03	0.85
Equity Income	89.70	95.94	-0.20	3.62
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.09	36.46*	-0.14	0.50
Managed Assets	125.20	133.91	-0.01	2.66
UK Income	39.22	41.95	+0.01	2.97
UK Growth	38.51	41.19	+0.04	2.22
Worldwide Gth	32.85	35.14*	-0.12	0.35
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	220.14	234.19	+1.45	..
-do- Acc	242.47	257.95	+1.60	..
British Gth	89.66	95.38*	+0.33	1.94
-do- Acc	105.20	112.98*	+0.38	1.94
European	100.41	106.81*	-0.42	0.70
-do- Acc	106.71	113.52*	-0.44	0.70
Extra Inc	194.41	206.82*	-1.92	4.06
-do- Acc	317.44	337.70*	-3.12	4.06
General Unit	276.35	293.99	+1.61	2.36
-do- Acc	552.03	587.27	+3.23	2.36
Income	345.63	367.69	-0.36	3.44
-do- Acc	718.22	764.06	-0.76	3.44
International	515.74	548.66	+3.20	0.34
-do- Acc	675.15	718.24	+4.18	0.34
Pacific	368.99	392.54	+5.35	...
-do- Acc	387.71	412.46	+5.62	...
Premier Income	54.36	56.62	-0.05	6.20
-do- Acc	114.93	119.72	-0.11	6.20
Nat Resources	127.62	135.77	-2.64	...
-do- Acc	140.06	149.00	-2.90	...
Selected Opps	101.60	108.08*	-0.91	1.19
-do- Acc	128.14	136.32*	-1.15	1.19
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	70.46	75.15	-0.44	...
-do- Acc	72.67	77.51	-0.46	...
European Opps	66.35	70.51	+0.21	0.42
-do- Acc	67.05	71.26	+0.23	0.42
Japan	96.01	102.41	-0.13	...
-do- Acc	96.01	102.41	-0.13	...
Little Dragons	83.63	89.20	-0.20	0.56
-do- Acc	86.09	91.82	-0.20	0.56
Oriental Income	44.19	47.13*	-0.41	3.38
-do- Acc	58.18	62.05*	-0.54	3.38
Tiger	231.38	246.80	-0.40	1.07
-do- Acc	243.08	259.28	-0.42	1.07
UK Small Cos	89.64	95.87	-0.04	1.66
-do- Acc	104.58	111.85	-0.06	1.66
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasn Gold	17.15	18.24	+0.14	0.50
Pacific Basin	35.02	37.25	-0.10	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.15	37.39	-0.39	...
Global Bond	$0.979	$1.020	+0.002	6.90
Penny Share	25.75	27.39	-0.13	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.38	53.38	...	4.88
Gilt Growth	72.90	75.87	...	...
Gilt Income	53.95	56.14*	+0.08	7.00
Short Dtd Gilt	111.40	112.90	-0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.720	$0.730	-0.000	...
Challenger	99.36	101.70	-0.10	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	72.03	76.62	-0.19	1.88

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,300	Cadbury	950	MEPC	1,000	Scot & New	2,900
Abbey Natl	1,100	Carlton Cm	2,100	Marks Spr	3,100	Scot Power	1,300
Alld-Lyons	652	Coats Vyla	2,600	NFC	222	Sears	8,300
Anglian W	231	Cm Union	1,000	NatWst Bk	2,700	Svrn Trent	424
Argyll Gp	3,800	Courtaulds	220	Nat Power	918	Shell Trans	2,500
Arjo Wiggn	749	Enterpr Oil	651	Nth Wst W	598	Siebe	1,100
AB Foods	165	Forte	1,000	Nthrn Fds	1,500	SmKl Bch	3,900
BAA	1,000	GRE	948	P & O	1,600	Smith Nph	849
BAT Inds	2,700	GUS A	117	Pearson	953	Std Chartd	580
BOC	914	Gen Acc	1,000	PowerGen	835	Sun Allnce	930
BP	9,800	Gen Elec	5,100	Prudential	2,100	TI Gp	577
BT	5,400	Glaxo	3,500	RMC	571	TSB	2,300
BTR	4,900	Granada	686	RTZ	4,600	Tesco	4,400
Bk of Scot	1,300	Grand Met	8,100	Rank Org	1,900	Thames W	633
Barclays	8,800	Guinness	3,400	Reckitt Col	1,200	Thrn EMI	905
Bass	3,000	HSBC	1,600	Redland	1,300	Tomkins	1,900
Blue Circle	2,200	Hanson	6,500	Reed Intl	547	Unilever	1,100
Boots	1,100	ICI	567	Rentokil	851	Utd Bisc	940
Bowater	397	Inchcape	1,200	Reuters	911	Vodafone	1,500
Brit Aero	774	Kingfisher	1,400	Rolls Royce	3,100	Warburg (SG)	711
Brit Airwys	1,900	Ladbroke	2,200	Rothmans	777	Wellcome	706
Brit Gas	3,200	Land Secs	351	Ryl Ins	2,700	Whitbd 'A'	4,900
Brit Steel	2,800	Legal & Gn	612	Ryl Bk Scot	4,700	Wilms Hld	1,300
Burmah Cstrl	92	Lloyds Bk	1,800	Sainsbury	2,300	Wolseley	234
Cable Wire	2,100	MB Cardn	912	Schroders	35	Zeneca	692

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3556.52 (-9.50)
S&P Composite 459.70 (-1.83)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20077.41 (-95.31)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7551.10 (+80.60)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 124.1 (-0.2)

Sydney: AO 1951.4 (+9.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1907.69 (-5.92)

FT 30 share: 2323.6 (-5.9)

Brussels:
General 6562.82 (-11.04)

Paris: CAC 586.04 (-0.36)

Zurich: SKA Gen 576.40 (+4.20)

London:
FT A All-Share 1503.92 (-3.05)
FT 500 1617.26 (-4.31)
FT Gold Mines 180.5 (+1.1)
FT Fixed Interest 122.54 (-0.02)
FT Govt Secs 101.86 (-0.01)
Bargains 28826
SEAQ Volume 511.7m
USM (Datastrm) 144.69 (-0.80)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 13	September 24	December 9	December 20

Call options were taken out on 29/9/93: Bardon, Chillington, Crest Nicholson, Ex-Lands, Hadleigh, Glenchewton, Govett, Shield Diagnostics, Signet, TR Tech.
Puts: Ex-Lands, Govett, Hadleigh.
Puts & Calls: Argyll Group, Enterprise Comp.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 54006	Dec 93	3065.0	3074.0	3048.0	3062.0	8995
	Mar 94	3082.0	3082.0	3072.0	3079.5	81
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 336725	Dec 93	94.37	94.41	94.34	94.39	25723
	Mar 94	94.52	94.56	94.49	94.54	9179
	Jun 94	94.49	94.53	94.46	94.51	3875
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 10535	Dec 93	96.55	96.56	96.55	96.56	203
	Mar 94				96.54	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 597547	Dec 93	93.89	93.90	93.82	93.87	51141
	Mar 94	94.45	94.46	94.40	94.42	17825
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 75238	Dec 93	112-28	113-15	112-10	113-08	96214
	Mar 94	112-06	112-06	111-31	112-17	15
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	112.72	112.72	112.58	112.63	1470
	Mar 94				111.92	0
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 156602	Dec 93	99.05	99.17	98.87	99.09	91831
	Mar 94	99.03	99.18	98.98	99.14	336
German Gov Bd Bobl Previous open interest: 19502	Dec 93	101.41	101.53	101.39	101.50	1290
	Mar 94					0
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 27369	Dec 93	93.12	93.12	93.03	93.06	2761
	Mar 94	93.94	93.95	93.89	93.95	540
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 43781	Dec 93	95.77	95.77	95.72	95.74	3431
	Mar 94	96.03	96.04	96.02	96.04	603
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 70572	Dec 93	115.45	115.97	115.18	115.81	41166
	Mar 94	115.15	115.30	115.15	115.50	101

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.9 (day's range 79.8-79.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sep 29	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7324-2.7416	2.7382-2.7416	par-¼ds	¼-½ds
Brussels	52.27-52.45	52.33-52.42	13-18ds	44-53ds
Copenhagen	9.8650-9.9040	9.8710-9.8940	3¼-4ds	8¼-11¼ds
Dublin	1.0405-1.0435	1.0409-1.0431	8-12ds	26-33ds
Frankfurt	2.4329-2.4413	2.4358-2.4390	⅛-¼ds	½-¾ds
Lisbon	250.68-251.48	250.68-251.31	102-129ds	313-358ds
Madrid	196.59-197.35	196.78-197.22	68-73ds	213-240ds
Milan	2371.40-2381.50	2376.80-2381.50	5-7ds	17-20ds
Montreal	1.9991-2.0108	2.0079-2.0108	0.32-0.25pr	0.54-0.40pr
New York	1.5105-1.5140	1.5120-1.5130	0.38-0.36pr	1.04-1.01pr
Oslo	10.6760-10.7170	10.6790-10.7020	¼-1ds	¾-2¼ds
Paris	8.5110-8.5470	8.5120-8.5340	¾-1¼ds	2⅞-3ds
Stockholm	12.1100-12.1980	12.1480-12.1880	1⅞-2⅛ds	4⅛-5⅛ds
Tokyo	159.06-159.55	159.06-159.32	½-⅜pr	1½-1⅜pr
Vienna	17.11-17.17	17.13-17.16	⅝-1⅝ds	2½-4½ds
Zurich	2.1282-2.1344	2.1311-2.1337	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5104-1.5130
Australia dollar	2.3397-2.3432
Bahrain dinar	0.564-0.576
Brazil cruzeiro *	184.99-186.33
Cyprus pound	0.74-0.75
Finland marka	8.642-8.758
Greece drachma	345.5-352.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.6991-11.7088
India rupee	47.06-48.02
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4475-0.4575
Malaysia ringgit	3.8531-3.8572
Mexico peso	4.65-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.7382-2.7451
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6095-5.7355
Singapore dollar	2.4010-2.4042
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4713-6.5211
S Africa rand (com)	5.1717-5.1783
U A E dirham	5.493-5.617

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5479-1.5491
Austria	11.33-11.34
Belgium (Com)	34.61-34.64
Canada	1.325-1.326
Denmark	6.528-6.538
France	5.63-5.64
Germany	1.6115-1.6125
Hong Kong	7.736-7.737
Ireland	1.4505-1.4525
Italy	1570.0-1572.0
Japan	105.2-105.3
Malaysia	2.5492-2.5502
Netherlands	1.809-1.810
Norway	7.065-7.075
Portugal	165.8-166.1
Singapore	1.5885-1.5895
Spain	130.15-130.35
Sweden	8.015-8.035
Switzerland	1.4123-1.4130

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6⅛ Low 6 Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth: 5⅞

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⁵⁄₃₂-5⅞	5³¹⁄₃₂-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
Interbank	6⅛-6	6⅛-5⅞	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾

Overnight: open 6⅛, close 6.

Local Authority Deps	6	n/a	5⅞	5¾	5¾
Sterling CDs	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝
Dollar CDs	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.24-3.21	3.24-3.21	3.40-3.37
Building Society CDs	6⅛-5⅞	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Sept 30, 1993 Agreed rates Oct 26, 1993 to Nov 23, 1993 Scheme III: 7.22 %. Reference rate Sept 1, 1993 to Sept 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.954 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark	7-6⅞	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	6⅞-6⅝	6⅝-6⅜	7-6
French Franc	7⅛-7	7¹⁄₁₆-7⅛	7⅛-7	6⅞-6¾	8-7
Swiss Franc	5-4¾	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	4⅝-4½	5-4
Yen	2⅞-2¾	2⅞-2¾	2⅞-2¾	2⅞-2⅝	3-2

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Bank of Nova Scotia)

Bullion: Open $355.25-355.75 Close: $351.60-352.10 High: $356.00-356.50 Low: $350.50-351.00 Krugerrand: $351.00-354.00 (£231.00-233.00)
Sovereigns: Old $80.00-83.00 (£53.00-55.00) New $80.00-83.00 (£53.00-55.00)
Platinum: $360.75 (£237.90) Silver: $4.04 (£2.665) Palladium: $124.75 (£82.25)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon.	550	29½	43	54	5	18	24½
(*570½)	600	5½	18½	29½	32½	46½	51½
Argyll	280	20½	28½	35½	3½	11	14½
(*294)	300	8½	19	25½	12½	21½	24½
ASDA	57	5	—	—	2	—	—
(*59½)	67	1	—	—	8½	—	—
Boots	460	26	35½	46½	5½	15	21
(*478)	500	5	16	26½	26	36½	42½
Br Airways	360	16½	30	39	9	21	26
(*365½)	390	4½	16½	25	28	38½	43½
BP	300	20½	28½	33	3	8	12
(*316½)	330	4	12½	17	16½	23	27
Br Steel	120	8½	14½	19	3½	8	11
(*124½)	130	4	9½	14	9	14	16
C & W	850	51	69	90½	6	21½	31½
(*887½)	900	16½	39½	63½	26	44	58½
CU	580	35	—	—	3½	—	—
(*607)	635	6	—	—	27	—	—
ICI	681	42½	63	—	5½	16½	—
(*713½)	750	5	25	34½	42½	51½	67½
Kingfishr	650	24½	46	60½	11	23	31
(*660½)	700	4½	22	35½	43½	51½	58½
Land Sec	650	36½	48	61	4½	16	19
(*677)	700	7	22	35	28½	42½	45
M & S	360	32	39	46	2½	6½	10½
(*383)	390	9	20½	28	11	18½	22
Nat West	500	14½	30	36	9	21	30½
(*501½)	550	1½	10½	15½	51	54	63½
Sainsbury	420	25	36	47	5½	15½	21
(*435½)	460	6	17	27½	28	37½	42½
Shell	650	22	42½	48½	9½	15½	27½
(*669)	700	3	17½	23	37½	42	54
Smkl Bch	390	30½	43½	52	3½	17½	22
(*411½)	420	12½	27½	37½	19	32½	36½
Storehse	220	7½	15	19½	7	13½	16½
(*220)	240	2	7	11½	22½	26½	29
Trafalgar	101	6½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*101)	110	3	7½	11	9	14	14½
Unilever	1050	36½	62½	77	12	32½	43½
(*1073)	1100	11½	36½	51	38½	58	69
Zeneca	700	29	53½	64½	12	27	45½
(*705)	750	7	29½	39½	43½	54	73½
Series		**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	[illegible]	30	43	50	4	14½	17½
(*415)	420	[illegible]	[illegible]	32½	14	29½	32
Ladbroke	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	23½	4½	10½	16½
[illegible]	[illegible]	13½	[illegible]	[illegible]	17½	27½	29
[illegible]	[illegible]	3	12½	14	4	13	18½
[illegible]	[illegible]	28½	37½	41½	4	27½	37
[illegible]	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	25½	18½	27½	37

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	850	38	48	66	17	29	36
(*862½)	900	14½	25	42	46	57½	63½
Thames W	500	44½	49	58	4½	9½	14½
(*538½)	550	11½	19	29	22	32	36½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	475	24	38	—	11	19	—
(*484½)	500	11	25½	31	24½	31	42
BTR	360	27½	31	35	6	11	15
(*373½)	390	7	15½	19½	21½	26½	31½
Br Aero	420	28	51	60	21½	40	48
(*422)	460	12	33½	43	46½	63½	71
Br Telecm	420	25	31	38½	5½	13½	16½
(*435)	460	5	12	18	28½	37	36½
Cadbury	453	18½	31½	34½	12	19½	28½
(*455)	493	4½	14	18	41½	45	54
Guinness	420	18½	33½	38	16½	24	31½
(*421½)	460	5	17	22	46½	50½	57½
GEC	330	34½	38½	45½	2½	6½	7½
(*358)	360	12½	21	27	12	16	19
Hanson	240	16½	20	22½	4	8	11½
(*250)	260	5½	10½	13	13½	18½	21½
LASMO	140	12	18½	22	7	11	14½
(*143½)	160	4	10	14	20	23	25½
Lucas	140	13½	18	21½	5½	9	12½
(*150½)	160	4	9	12	18	21½	24½
Pilkngtn	140	13	17	19½	5½	11	13
(*148)	160	4½	8½	11½	18	23½	25½
Prudential	330	21	32	35	5½	9½	16
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Redland	550	22½	38	47½	25	33½	48½
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Royal Ins	288	25	33½	—	5	10½	—
(*304½)	317	8	17	—	19	24½	—
Tesco	180	22	28	31	3	6	9
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Vodafone	460	48½	61	71	6½	16½	21½
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Williams	300	32	40½	44	3½	7½	13
(*325)	330	12½	22½	26	14½	20½	27

FT-SE INDEX (*3031)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Oct	149	101	60	28	10	3
Nov	169	127	90	61	39	23
Dec	188	150	115	85	61	42
Jan	204	166	134	102	78	56
Jun	260	—	197	—	145	—
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Oct	5	9	17	38	74	122
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Jan	41	53	71	90	117	148
Jun	78	—	116	—	163	—

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	390	34	42	46	7	14½	18
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Amstrad	40	7	8½	10	2½	3½	4
(*44½)	45	4	6	7½	4½	6	7
Barclays	500	34½	46	51½	11½	22½	26½
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Blue Circ	260	26	34½	37½	8	13½	21
(*274)	280	14½	24	26½	17½	23½	31
Br Gas	300	31	39½	39	4½	8	12½
(*327½)	330	9	18	21	17	21	27½
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(*236½)	240	11½	19	23	16½	21½	27
Hillsdwn	160	12½	17	16	7½	11½	16½
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Lonrho	120	12	16½	19	6½	11½	13½
(*123)	130	7½	12	14½	12½	17	19
Sears	110	6½	10	11½	6	7½	9
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Tomkins	220	28	32½	37½	4½	8½	11
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TSB	220	14	19½	23	9½	16	18
(*221)	240	6½	11	15	22½	28	30
Wellcome	650	59	80	92½	25½	36	48½
(*684½)	700	32	54	66½	51	62	72½
Series		**Dec**	**Apr**		**Dec**	**Apr**	
Glaxo	600	55½	76½	—	24½	43½	—
(*621½)	650	31	52½	—	51½	69½	—
HSBC	650	71½	91	—	12	30½	—
(*699)	700	39½	61½	—	31½	54	—
Reuter	1500	89½	124	—	44	79	—
(*1523½)	1550	62	95½	—	68	103	—
Series		**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	137	18	20½	—	5½	8	—
(*149)	156	7½	12	—	16	18	—
Series		**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	160	12½	16	22	4	9	13½
(*167)	180	3½	7	13	16	22	25½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	550	23½	34½	43	12½	22½	25½
(*556½)	600	5	13½	20½	46	53	55
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Natl Pwr	360	34½	42½	48½	4½	9	14½
(*387½)	390	15½	24½	31	17	22	27½
Scot Pwr	350	33½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*373½)	390	9	15½	21½	21½	26½	29

September 29. Tot: 25188 Call: 11660 Put: [illegible] FT-SE Call: 4573 Put: 4620
* Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: As a welcoming gesture to the Association of Coffee Producing Countries retention scheme due to start on October 1, New York and London sold-off heavily. There was no fresh news behind the move, but traders are beginning to realise that as the producer retention scheme is untried it would be foolish to panic at this stage. After all, if it fails within one year, the market could be awash with coffee again.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	902-888	Dec	963-962
Dec	925-924	Mar	966-965
Mar	949-946	May	974-968
May	954 BID	Jul	981-974
Jul	960-959		
Sep	964 BID		Volume: 16071

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1262-1257	May	1193-1191
Nov	1197-1196	Jul	1194-1188
Jan	1198-1196	Sep	1194-1188
Mar	1194-1191		Volume: 6821

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

Spot unq		Dec	unq
		Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	284.0-81.7
Spot 284.0		Oct	276.3-74.0
Dec	274.0-73.1	Dec	276.6-75.0
Mar	276.0-75.0	Mar	282.6-76.0
May	278.5-77.0		Volume: 101

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 29

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	66.59	79.41	120.34
(+/-)	+2.19	-2.95	+2.50
Eng/Wales:	66.58	79.56	115.98
(+/-)	+2.20	-3.60	+2.23
(%)	-10.2	-35.7	+18.0
Scotland:	69.92	78.03	125.00
(+/-)	+2.63	-1.42	+3.65
(%)	-22.2	-37.8	+10.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq		Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	102.10
Jan	103.15
Mar	105.15
May	107.20
Jun	108.95
	Volume: 220

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	unq
Nov	102.50
Jan	104.75
Mar	106.55
May	107.40
	Volume: 77

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	75.0
Apr	88.8	88.3
May	105.0	103.5
	Volume: 191	

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Nov 58.25-58.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Encouraged by indications that the Opec meeting would wind up, levels strengthened.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.75	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.85	+0.40
Brent 15 day (Nov)	17.00	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.35	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	18.55	+0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	181 (+1)	183 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	172 (+4)	173 (+4)
Non EEC 1H Oct	174 (+4)	175 (+4)
Non EEC 1H Nov	176 (+4)	177 (+4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (+1)
Naphtha	155 (+3)	157 (+3)

IPE FUTURES
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GAS OIL

Oct	170.50-70.75	Jan	173.00 SLR
Nov	171.75-72.00	Feb	172.50 SLR
Dec	172.75-73.00	Mar	171.25 SLR
			Vol: 10339

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	17.03-17.04	Feb	17.49-17.55
Dec	17.25-17.27	Mar	17.59-17.64
Jan	17.43 SLR		Vol: 42063

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Oct	174.00-75.00	Jan	unq
Nov	173.00-76.00	Feb	unq
Dec	171.00-77.00		Vol: 0

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GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

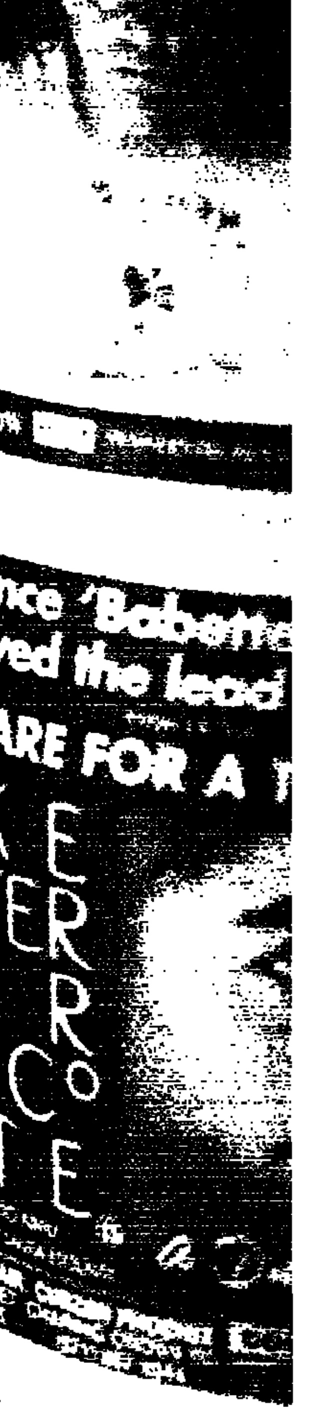
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Nov 93	1441	1435	1441
Jan 94	1430	1420	1431
Apr 94	1450	1445	1445

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1695.5-1696.0	1717.5-1718.0	163325
Lead ($/tonne)	366.50-367.00	380.50-381.00	77100
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	858.50-859.00	876.00-876.50	160600
Tin ($/tonne)	4455.0-4460.0	4505.0-4510.0	23035
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1090.5-1091.5	1111.5-1112.0	721900
Nickel ($/tonne)	4100.0-4101.0	4155.0-4160.0	75528

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Toytown revisited: Noddy, still going strong after 44 years, takes to the stage in Wimbledon

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Siegfried Matthus: a British premiere for one of Germany's most successful composers



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** sits down to *Like Water for Chocolate* and suffers visual indigestion

Messing up some good ingredients

Laura Esquivel's book, **Like Water for Chocolate**, is a phenomenon of the age. Esquivel's quirky blend of varted romance and tasty recipes de many friends in Mexico and ewhere in print, but when the n first emerged last year critics aned at its rudimentary visual le and inordinate length (nearly and a half hours).

Then the magicians got to work. ut came the scissors, not once but ice, reducing the footage by 31 nutes. Out came the post-pro- ction polishers, t once but ice, cleaning soundtrack, proving the im- e, titivating the ottles. The re- lt? Queues in streets, eupho- in the press. *e Water for ocolate* Mark has now tched up 18 in- rnational ards, and is set become Ameri- 's highest- ossing foreign- nguage release. The success presents an as- nding triumph content over le. Esquivel's sband Alfonso au *(see inter- w below)*, a ding Mexican m-maker and tor, embalms the story in dull se-ups and fuzzy, yellowing pho- graphy; yet audiences have been dulgent, focusing instead on the ntastical plot, the vibrant charac- rs and sexual trimmings. (The le is a local expression describing xual arousal.)

This is a family saga, which egins in earnest on the plains of orth Mexico in 1910. Widow lama Elena (the formidable Regi- a Torne) rules her three daughters ith an iron will. Tita, the youngest, umi Cavazos), loses her heart to edro, a handsome neighbour, but adition dictates she must spend er life as her mother's skivvy. fter Pedro marries her eldest sister, Tita uses the culinary arts to express her emotions or exact revenge. A wedding cake, mixed with tears, induces vomiting, while quails cooked in rose petal sauce prompt incendiary passions.

If Arau's handling matched the mischievous exuberance of Esquivel's own script or the cast's direct appeal, *Like Water for Chocolate* would deserve all its success. But even the most generous post-production blitz cannot work every miracle. The film starts roughly with Tita's birth at the kitchen table, shot in ugly, extreme close-up. So it proceeds, the imagery gauche and pedantic when the action cries out for élan. This is a film for the cinematically blind.

Like Water for Chocolate
Curzon West End, 15, 113 mins
Visually gauche hymn to women, sex and food

Blood In Blood Out
MGM Trocadero, 18, 181 mins
Overblown epic about L.A.'s Latino gangs

Careful
ICA Cinema, 96 mins
German Expressionism meets Monty Python

Assassin of the Tsar
MGM Swiss Centre, 12, 103 mins
Cumbersome Russian-British co-production

Blood In Blood Out offers more Latin-Americana, though of a vastly different kind. A brain-numbing, bottom-shifting three hours long, Taylor Hackford's film tries to paint an epic portrait of Los Angeles's Latino culture with material best suited to an action potboiler. Camera angles and overwrought acting announce from the start that this is a film with Significance; but Hackford's tale of gang warfare and loyalty is roughly 90 minutes of usable plot, following three gang brothers down the decades, plus 90 minutes of pure hot air.

Hackford, who produced the Ritchie Valens biography *La Bamba*, at least began with good intentions. Taking an existing, orthodox script, he hired the poet Jimmy Santiago Baca to inject a "Chicano soul". For cameraman, he hired the Mexican-born Gabriel Beristain, and allowed him to shoot in golden hues that suggest everyone is about to catch fire. He cast with care, and insisted the three principals, Damian Chapa, Jesse Borrego and Benjamin Bratt, lived in East L.A. for three months before shooting.

Along the way, the film ballooned into a monstrosity. By throwing so much cultural significance on to the characters' shoulders, Hackford ensures they rarely resemble living people. He also blunts the impact by beating his drum too loudly, too long.

Apart from backfiring as drama, the film hardly does Latino culture any favours. True, one of the barrio trio finds salvation as a narcotics cop, while another briefly exhibits his paintings in a glitzy gallery. But overall, being Latino in *Blood In Blood Out* means drugs, guns, tattoos, snarling, and being a spectator means being bored.

Careful, from the glorious Winnipeg eccentric Guy Maddin, runs no risk of succumbing to grandiosity. Instead of real life turned into pompous movie clichés, the rising cult director of *Archangel* and *Tales from the Gimli Hospital* gleefully showcases cinema's artifice. Celluloid is in his very veins: not only does he love old movies, particularly Universal's 1930s horrors and German silents, he also loves bad prints of old movies. *Careful* apes the mottled appearance of a primitive colour talkie, tinted purple, pink and gold, with a soundtrack full of crackle and hiss.

Instead of Hackford's lovingly authentic locations, Maddin shot the entire film in a makeshift studio. When snow lies thick on the rocky ground — *Careful* pays homage to the German genre of mountain films — you are looking at white quilting. When it floats through the air, you are looking at potato flakes scattered in front of a large industrial fan. German Expressionism meets Monty Python, early David Lynch and the Z-grade oeuvre of Edward D. Wood in a delirious embrace.

There is no shouting or snarling, either. *Careful* transpires in an Alpine village, home to a school for butlers, where fear of avalanches has brought people's voices to a whisper and caused animals' vocal cords to be removed. But when it comes to sex, caution is abandoned. Incestuous relationships and warped desires sprout daily; there are duels, suicide leaps, and aghast faces galore. Some may be familiar from earlier Maddin films: you will also find Australian director Paul Cox as the mysterious Count Knotgers, and Gosia Dobrowolska as the widow Zenaida, centre of the commotion.

Maddin pushes his luck by spinning out his dotty exercise a little beyond its natural length. But when so much prosaic cinema gets released, this is no time for grumbling. *Careful* is blessed with strange, authentic movie magic, and it is like manna from heaven.

Only a hint of cinema's magic can be found in **Assassin of the Tsar**, a Russian-British co-production entered in competition at Cannes in 1991. Viewed in the current English-language version, Karen Shakhnazarov's investigation into the death of the Romanovs proves even more lugubrious than it did when the characters all spoke Russian. You could drive a truck through the gaps between words, and the gift for atmosphere displayed in the director's absurdist comedy *Zero City* is barely visible.

Shakhnazarov's oblique approach brings further problems. As the first post-glasnost film to tangle with the Tsar, he wastes too much time surrounding history with a cumbersome contemporary frame. Malcolm McDowell flashes his gimlet eyes as a mental patient who believes he is Tsar Nicholas's assassin. Oleg Yankovsky plays the attending doctor, with eventual delusions of his own. Both actors have seen better days, better films.



The young sisters of *Like Water for Chocolate* in earnest conversation about what the future holds. For one it will be food terrorism

CONCERT

Bass in need of ballast

LFO / Pople
Queen Elizabeth Hall

WILLARD White sings Mozart: that was how it was billed. But, in this London Festival Orchestra concert, there were, in fact, just four arias (and an encore) embedded in an evening of sadly undistinguished orchestral playing.

White himself was on good, if not top, form. He could, perhaps, hardly have been otherwise: it is hard enough to sing *Don Giovanni*'s Catalogue Aria from cold and out of context at the best of times, and this was not the best.

Following a bright-eyed, finely nuanced performance of Osmin's darkly devious "Wär ein Liebchen" from *Il Seraglio*, White worked his way through Leporello's catalogue of liaisons with more than a hint of diablerie. It was certainly welcome against the bland backdrop of the LFO's playing.

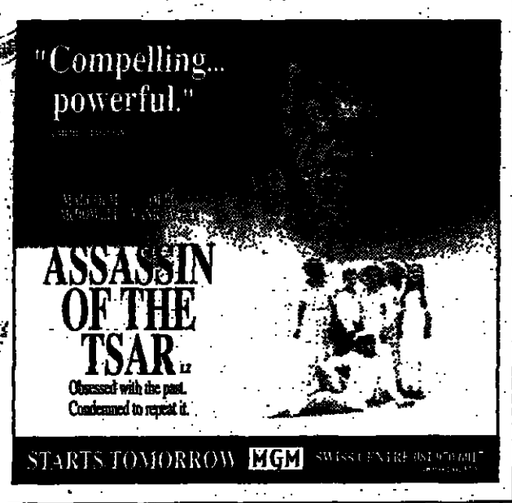
The voice became lighter, sweeter in tone for Figaro's "Non piu andrai", spitting and strutting its way through some hard-edged advice for Cherubino as reluctant recruit. This had been preceded, not altogether incongruously, by memories of other departing Mozartian militia. The overture to *Cosi fan tutte*, with its uneven tempos and ragged ensemble, never quite persuaded us, though, that its true home was the theatre.

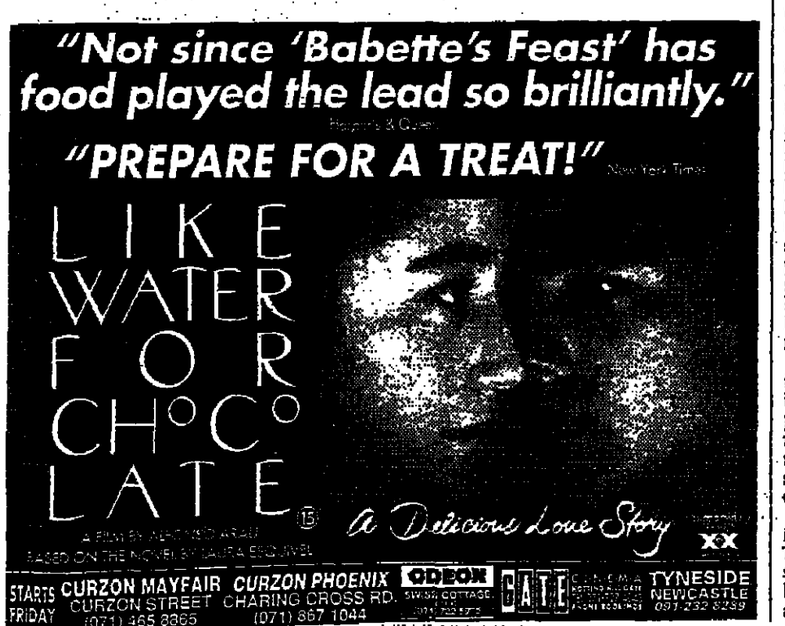
After *The Marriage of Figaro* came *The Magic Flute*, and Sarastro's great aria "In diesen heil'gen Hallen". The holy portals were, by now inevitably, only timorously entered by the orchestra: their accompaniment lacked the ballast and authority necessary to encourage White's bass to be fully expansive and entirely at ease, despite its careful sobriety.

The programme had begun and ended with Mozart symphonies. The little Symphony No 7 in D, later adapted by the composer as the overture to *La finta semplice*, started the evening promisingly with gentle, soft-grained string playing, and a sensitive ear for the whimsical archaisms in the minuet's little trio.

But Ross Pople approached the final Symphony No 41 in much the same soft-focused way. His unassuming beat really assumes far too much: that the music will make its own mark without disciplined ensemble, meticulous balance, anticipation of harmonic direction, and well-defined exits and entrances.

HILARY FINCH





Stephanie Billen discovers the recipe for an award-winning box-office hit

How to cook up a storm

From the lascivious oyster-sucking of *Tom Jones* to the egg-slurping sexual thrills of *Tampopo*, food fetishism is nothing new in the world of cinema. But for Mexican director Alfonso Arau, this is not what *Like Water for Chocolate* is about. "I deliberately put aside my ego to make my wife's film," he says, and it is Laura Esquivel's all-embracing philosophy of food that suffuses the picture.

Esquivel, who wrote the screenplay from her own magic-realist novel, has made plain her post-feminist position: "In the 1960s, everything I thought was worth fighting for was outside the kitchen. For a long time I did not go back." After marriage and motherhood she revised her ideas. "I wanted to make the recipes of my past. The kitchen became a revelation ... Progress makes us lose the feeling of ceremony that cooking should have. It has altered our values so that it now seems to us that only activities with an economic reward are worth pursuing."

For Esquivel, the tradition of cooking links us with our history and the results communicate love, bringing people together. Arau adds: "In the film, Tita becomes a priest in the kitchen. Like a temple, it is a place for rituals, but it is also the laboratory of the alchemist as she handles the four elements of earth, water, air and fire."

Arau offers his own heartfelt illustration of the power of a woman's cooking. "Whenever I was depressed as a kid, my mother would take me to the kitchen and prepare a cup of hot chocolate. She wore lots of bangles and when she moved her wrist to make the foam on the top, all the bracelets sounded. Now, when Laura prepares chocolate, although she doesn't have bracelets, I hear the sound of my mother. Food for us is just an instrument of love."

Esquivel has taken things further, describing a surprising role reversal: "Women penetrate men's bodies through their food, in which they have put their very essence. Women are the active ones, and men are passive."

In the film this idea comes to life in a comic scene where Tita's quails in rose petal sauce leads to sexual mayhem, but for Arau, his wife's point is a fundamentally serious one.

"It comes back to a question of balance. It is what the universe is all about, the balance between men and women, the balance between positive and negative."

Catching the tone of Esquivel's novel, with its truths nestled in layers of comedy, romance and melodrama, was a little like following a tricky recipe. "This film is about joy in every sense, and humour is part of the joy of living," Arau says. "When you are dealing with melodrama, you have to be tongue-in-cheek, otherwise it would be ridiculous, but you have to have humour in the right dose so as not to spoil the sentimental moments. You go to the movies to cry and get scared and to get excited sexually as well as to laugh."



Laura Esquivel: more plots on the boil

Intriguingly, some of the film's seething excitement seems to have rubbed off on the actors. "We filmed for 17 weeks in the middle of the desert and the closest town was 15 miles away," Arau says. "It was hard because most of the company were very young and young people miss being able to go to discotheques, but after a while the magic of the film caught everyone. The actors who played Pedro and Tita really fell in love, and the mother became really bad. Everyone believed his part."

The husband-and-wife team are planning several more projects together, including *Estrellita Marinera* (*Little Ocean Star*), which she has scripted and he will produce and direct.

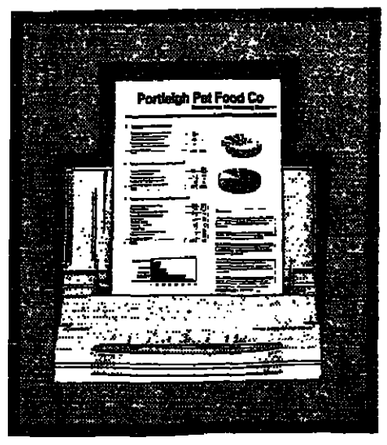
"It is a magical film set in the Caribbean about a circus with fake freaks like Spiderwoman and the Wolfman. The stars of the show are a pregnant mermaid and a merman, and everyone thinks that they are a trick — but they are real."

Further down the line is the prospect of filming Esquivel's second novel, *The Law of Love*, which she is writing at the moment. "It is a thriller which takes place in Mexico City in the year 2200. It is a story about a woman who loses her love and becomes an investigator trying to find him."

As Esquivel pens her magical science fiction, Arau admits that he is about to boldly go where no Mexican man has been before: "Because of the film's success, we have been travelling and have been separated a lot. So next week, I am going to start taking some lessons — I want to be able to cook when I am on my own."

● Like Water for Chocolate *is published by Black Swan (£5.99)*

You could take the Canon BJ-10sx away maestro.



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THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** finds plenty of fun in the West End's latest compilation musica

Four square chaps, thirty tunes

Forever Plaid
Apollo



DONALD COOPE

Harmonies were never closer: (left to right) David Engel, Guy Stroman, Larry Raben and Stan Chandler

ON my way to the theatre I was thinking that the West End needs another compilation musical like it needs a bomb in Piccadilly Circus. But there is more than one way to walk down Memory Lane, and Stuart Ross — writer and director of this long-running off-Broadway show — has found a new way of treading that nostalgic route.

Way back in the 1950s, while Bill Haley, Elvis and Jerry Lee Lewis were creating the future, a very different pop music, tamer and sweeter, continued to flourish. Its vocalists often came in sets of four, and specialised in close harmonies. In those far-off days, when the letters PC stood for Perry Como, the singers were male, clean, neatly dressed in bow ties and tuxedos, and never so much as touched a guitar.

Plaid, apparently — or, as we would say, tartan — was a popular design in America at the time, but was soon associated with conservative "square" attitudes. In the words of the programme: "Plaid is a state of mind, not just a pattern."

Rock eventually drove these singers on to the periphery, something Ross acknowledges by making his imaginary harmony group, Forever Plaid, killed outright while driving to their first big gig, when their car was slammed broadside by a bus taking schoolgirls to witness the Beatles make their US television debut on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. Now the four dead young men are brought back to earth to give the show they were prevented from giving that day in 1964. And an engaging, hummable, comic performance they deliver.

Jinx (Stan Chandler) is blond and suffers from nose-bleeds in a crisis. Frankie (Guy Stroman) looks as if he might be a leader in a crisis and he reaches pure high notes. Smudge (David Engel) deals with the other end of the range: he wears Buddy Holly glasses and shows his gifts as a comedian when told to cover while Jinx's stricken nose coagulates. Sparky (Larry Raben) takes over the piano when the pianist, James Compton, stalks off in a huff, and like the other three, he performs as soloist and backing in the 30 songs.

"Love is a Many-Splendored Thing" is their first number, sung after the journey from the astral plane has brought them along the central stalls aisle. They are carrying candles and chanting something in Latin, until the last "vobiscum" turns into "sh-boom" and they are fully on earth again.

From then on it is one evergreen after another. And though at first I was not sure I would want to hear a hundred minutes of close harmony, the genial antics of the four soon won me over.

The group never mocks the music but pokes gentle fun at the tricks of performance — the careful tableaux, the movements in unison or in strict succession on the beat. A couple of poles laden with illuminated bananas are brought into the stalls, and two people sitting in Row B are persuaded to hold them upright to add a touch of exotic locale to "Matilda". In a parody of the *Ed Sullivan Show* the group rapidly rush through ventriloquists, dancers, singing nuns and valkyries.

Do they eventually find the plaid tuxedos they were driving to collect on that fateful day? Well, what do you think?

Toytown still charms

Noddy
Wimbledon

NODDY is 44 this year. But Enid Blyton's puppet character is getting a new lease of life: repeated by the BBC; out on video; and now adapted and directed for the stage by David Wood.

There is a fun to be had here. Noddy (Karen Briffett) drives himself round in small circles in his car, which is the more entertaining since Briffett keeps going into reverse and only misses Mr Plod's police station by a whisker. Eric Potts makes a jovially bluff Big Ears with a trace of emotional vulnerability and lumbago — the consequences, no doubt, of living alone in a one-bedroom toadstool. Briffett's Noddy is innocent enough (as ingenuous as two short planks in fact) but one might, physically speaking, have wished for a more wooden performance.

Noddy has weathered reasonably in some respects from 1949 to 1993. The baddy goblins are compulsive joy-riders; Noddy turns into a vigilante, savagely stamping on car thieves' toes; and Bumpy Dog is verging on being a public menace.

Nevertheless, the materialistic, even unecological, message of this piece is quietly pernicious, with tinkling bells accompanying the earning of sixpence and the owning of an automobile being our hero's chief joy. Yet the story has far more coherence than many children's shows.

The acting is not subtle and everyone, because of microphones, appears to be shouting as if they are aurally disadvantaged — Big Ears included. Still, there are exhilarating episodes. At Noah's Ark, there is a man-sized duckling on the loose and a scary, snarly lion has Noddy zig-zagging between the wings. Wood, highly praised for his adaptation of Roald Dahl's *The Witches*, here casts Roger Bingham as another delectably horrid old crone: a vicious grumbler with green hair and a huge nose.

Really it is the young audience that makes the show magical. The tiny girl next to me mouthed the words to Big Ears's broomstick charm with a rapt seriousness that was genuinely spell-binding. It is also not every day you get a theatre audience that is so wonderfully wide-eyed. Whole rows had their chins on the seats in front of them. There was also the odd young critic hurtling euphorically towards the stage, both arms above his head, crying "Yes!".

KATE BASSETT

DANCE: A multinational collaboration

Terminally grounded

Changing Planes
The Place

DO NOT let the title make you expect an airport drama. The "changing planes" in Pan Project's new work can be interpreted literally as the faces of a moveable structure that dominates the stage; also metaphorically as the clash of cultures represented by the shifting relationships between this object (designed by a Briton, Jan Bee Brown), Mallika Sarabhai's Indian-based choreography and the percussion music of Toshi Tsuchitori from Japan.

The composer himself played at the work's premiere in Leicester last week: for the rest of the tour, his place has been taken by Joji Hirota, whose presence entirely commands the central section, "Dhyan" (meaning Zen or concentration). Sitting with a look of fierce dedication, he extracts magical rhythms from his two drums. This music at times steals all attention from the dancers, but when Sarabhai responds with an intense Bharata Natyam solo towards the end, the effect is terrific.

Whether the music in the outer sections is pre-recorded or simply played off stage is not clear, but although the texture is varied with percussive chimes, the effect is less striking without the musician's visible presence. And the movement is not interesting enough to hold attention.

Nor does the design contribute as much as might be hoped. In the first section one dancer brings on pieces of metal tubing and fastens them together to make an incomplete sphere, while the other four are largely busy gesticulating at flat shapes above them.

By the final section, similar flat shapes have taken their places as panels within the metal sphere, but now the dancers spend too much of their time supporting or moving this object: a boring process. Whatever its own merits, the design element distracts from the other aspects rather than adding to them. Altogether a lopsided collaboration; thank heaven for the drumming.

JOHN PERCIVAL

LONDON

ANDORRA: London Classic Theatre Company, formed to produce 19th- and 20th-century German plays, kicks off with Max Frisch's masterly study of racism and the readiness to conform. **New End**, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022), 8pm

THE LION: Talawa's Autumn season opens with Michael Abbensetts' play about a former Caribbean dictator exiled in England and suffering withdrawal symptoms. **Cochrane**, Southampton Row, WC1 (071-242 7040), 7.30pm

THE PIANO LESSON: The latest of August Wilson's cycle of ten plays on black America, one for each decade of the century, won him his second Pulitzer Prize. Paulette Randall directs. **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000), 7.45pm

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm; Tues, 10am-5.45pm; Sun, 12-6.45pm

MOSE ALLISON TRIO: The pianist, singer and composer, performs for four nights. **Pizza Express**, 10 Dean Street (071-439 8722). Tonight-Sun, 7.45pm

ELSEWHERE

LEEDS: John Dove directs **Someone Who'll Watch Over Me**, Frank McGuinness's powerful drama of hostages in a Beirut jail. **Courtyard Theatre**, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111), 7.45pm

PLYMOUTH: Peter Stein's magnificent WNO production of Verdi's last masterpiece, **Falstaff**, is given its last performance in Plymouth before touring to Southampton. Donald Maxwell in the title role heads a strong cast including Suzanne Murphy, Bryn Terfel, Paul Charles Clarke and Claire Powell. **Theatre Royal**, Royal Parade, (0752 267222), 7.15pm

MANCHESTER: Contact Theatre in association with Tara Arts presents a new production of **Troilus and Cressida** directed by Tara's artistic director, Jatinder Verma. Combining Asian music, spectacle and passion, Verma creates an exciting cross-cultural interpretation of Shakespeare's classic tale of love and intrigue. **Contact Theatre**, Oxford Road, (061-274 3434), 7.30pm

BIRMINGHAM: Marcus D'Amico, Barry Stanton and newcomer Sandra Renton enjoy three acts of frustration, mostly sexual, in Graeme Messer's production of **Cat On A Hot Tin Roof Old Rep Theatre**, Station Street (021-616 1519), 7.30pm

EDINBURGH: The Gilman Paper Company Collection is one of the richest and most extensive private archives of photographic art in the world but relatively little known to the public. The exhibition, **The Waiting Dream**, illustrating photography's first century, comes straight from the Metropolitan Museum of New York and ranges from the topographical to the surrealistic. **City Art Centre**, Market Street, Edinburgh (031-225 2424). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 12-5pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
▣ **Some seats available**
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□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm, 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

▣ **MOONLIGHT:** A man on his death-bed rages against the dying of the light in Pinter's fascinating new play. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, 80mins

□ **THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS:** Pirandello's last play, completed by Charles Wood. William Gaskill directs. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today-Sat 7.30pm; mat Sat 2.30pm

▣ **OLEANNA:** Magnificent performances from David Suchet and Lia Williams in a tale of power and politics at an American university. Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play. **Duke of York's**, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat 7.30 pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 4pm.

PERRIER PICK OF THE FRINGE: Greg Proops (7.30pm), and Donna McPhail (9.15pm), are tonight's performers in the annual visit of stand-up comedy nominated for the Perrier Award. **Purcell Room**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800).

▣ **SEPARATE TABLES.** Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm. 150mins.

□ **THERESE RAQUIN:** Julia Bardsley's own version of Zola's sexual thriller. Water drops everywhere as the sign of guilt and grim revenge. **Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat 2.30pm and some Weds

□ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays, starring Anton Rodgers, Gwen Taylor. **Vaudeville**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mats Weds 2.30pm, Sats 4pm

□ **TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA:** David Thacker's delightful Stratford production, with music from the Gershwin era. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat 7.15pm, mat today, Sat, 2pm

LONG RUNNERS □ **Blood Brothers**, Phoenix (071-867 1044). ▣ **Buddy**, Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ▣ **Cats**, New London (071-405 0072). ▣ **Crazy for You**, Prince Edward (071-734 8951). □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**, Duchess (071-494 5070). . . □ **Five Guys Named Moe**, Lyric (071-494 5045). ▣ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, Palladium (071-494 5037). ▣ **Les Miserables**, Palace (071-434 0909). ▣ **Miss Saigon**, Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400). □ **The Mousetrap**, St Martin's (071-836 1443). □ **On The Piste**, Garrick (071-494 5085). . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**, Her Majesty's (071-494 5400). . . ▣ **Starlight Express**, Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665). ■ **Sunset Boulevard**, Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055). . . □ **Travels With My Aunt**, Whitehall (071-867 1119). □ **The Woman in Black**, Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

BOILING POINT (15). Treasury agent Wesley Snipes versus red-haired villain Dennis Hopper. Despite the talent, it never even simmers. Director, James B Harris.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12). 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford as the fugitive trying to clear his name. With Tommy Lee Jones, director, Andrew Davis.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772). **MGM Fulham Road** ▣ (071-370 2636). **Notting Hill Coronet** ▣ (071-727 5705). **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (071-792 3332). **Warner** (071-439 0791)

IN THE SOUP (15). Gangster (Seymour Cassel) bankrolls an aspiring film-maker (Steve Buscemi). Zany, joyous comedy from American independent Alexandre Rockwell.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

ROADSIDE PROPHETS (15). Counter-culture odyssey trapped in a time warp, with punk rocker John Doe, Beastie Boy Adam Horovitz, and 1960s luminaries in cameo roles. Writer-director, Abbe Wool.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG). Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy. Writer-director, Nora Ephron.
Barbican ▣ (071-638 8891). **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096). **Odeon**

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Kensington (0426 914666). **Odeon Leicester Square** (0426 915683). **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501). **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914096). **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772). **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (071-792 3332)

THE WEDDING BANQUET (15). Americanised immigrant from Taiwan fails to tell his parents he's gay. Delightful, caring cross-cultural comedy. Director, Ang Lee.
Metro (071-437 0757). **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096). **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666). **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772). **Screen on the Hill** ▣ (071-435 3366). **Warner** (071-439 0791)

CURRENT

◆ **THE CRUSH** (15). Psychopathic Lolita ensnares naive reporter. Good-looking but redundant potboiler, with Cary Elwes, Alicia Silverstone. Director, Alan Shapiro.
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

◆ **THE FIRM** (15). Tom Cruise discovers his law firm fronts for the Mafia. Star power galore, but little meat. With Gene Hackman, Ed Harris, Sydney Pollack, directs.
Barbican ▣ (071-638 8891). **Empire** ▣ (071-497 9999). **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772). **MGM Fulham Road** ▣ (071-370 2636). **MGM Trocadero** ▣ (071-434 0031). **UCI Whiteleys** ▣ (071-792 3332)

EL MARIACHI (15). Musician and hitman get confused in a Mexican border town. Enjoyable no-budget action romp from Robert Rodriguez.
Odeon Kensington (0426-914 666). **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

◆ **PASSION FISH** (15). Crippled soap star and her secretive nurse undergo rehabilitation. Enjoyable, loving, leisurely film from John Sayles. With Mary McDonnell, Alfre Woodard.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805). **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031). **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666). **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057).

LE SAMOURAI (PG): Downfall of an icy hired killer (Alain Delon). Jean-Pierre Melville's superb, stylised gangster drama of 1967.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT (18): Tina Turner's life story. Powerful acting from Angela Bassett and Laurence Fishburne redeem the clichés.
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Lament for the ruins of all wars

An opera inspired by the bombing of Dresden is receiving its British premiere.

Richard Morrison met its composer



The city of Dresden in 1945, after the Allied bombing raid: the statue of Martin Luther remains intact, but the ancient Frauenkirche has been reduced to rubble

I shall not easily forget what I saw in a small town in Germany on that rainy night about six years ago. A woman chopping off her lover's head. A man slashing his wrists for fun. A child murdered. Someone being hanged. Sexual violence on every side.

No, this is not a plea for better policing on the streets of Mönchengladbach. What I saw happened in the town's opera house. The piece was *Judith* by Siegfried Matthus, a fortysomething composer who had risen to the top of the East German musical tree through his association with the great stage director Walter Felsenstein and the Komische Oper in Berlin. I was bowled over by the elemental *fury of the action*, and by the consummate skill with which Matthus put his music — everything from angry dissonance to blatant tonality — at the disposal of the drama.



Matthus: Dresden was Germany's Hiroshima

And before the moral crusaders accuse me of praising filth, let me point out that his story — decapitation and all — came straight out of the Bible. It was the tale of the widow of Bethulia, who saves her city by seducing, and then killing, an enemy general. But Matthus gave it a pacifist twist: his point was that war dehumanises its victims as well as its marauding armies.

Britain has taken a long time to catch up with Matthus. That reflects poorly on our curiosity, because his operas (eight so far) are performed across Europe and even in America. But next week at Sadler's Wells Theatre, Glyndebourne Touring Opera stages the British premiere of Matthus's *Die Weise von Liebe und Tod des Cornets Christoph Rilke*, which is wisely being presented under a somewhat snappier English title: *Song of Love and Death*. In eight years it has already had ten productions around the globe. That's nine more than most new operas. What is its attraction?

Undoubtedly its chances were not harmed by the publicity that surrounded its 1985 premiere. But the story started many years before *that. On February 13 1945, in a 20-*minute raid by 2,000 bombers, the Royal Air Force reduced Dresden to rubble. The moral arguments for and against that apocalyptic strike have been well rehearsed. Matthus refers to it as "Germany's Hiroshima". Among the ruins was the great Semper Opera House. Rebuilding the theatre took 40 years and a massive act of faith; it came to symbolise (to the *East Germans, anyway*) the rebuilding of postwar society itself.

For its reopening, Matthus was originally commissioned to compose *Judith*. He wrote it in plenty of time. But in one of those curious backstage machinations that might make an opera plot in themselves, the premiere was mysteriously spirited away from Dresden to Berlin by the producer, Harry Kupfer.

Perhaps it was just as well: the blood-lust of *Judith* would hardly have been appropriate for the Dresden occasion. Nevertheless, Matthus had just seven months to write something else for Dresden. *He hit on perfect material.*

It was a short prose-poem by the turn-of-the-century German writer Rainer Maria Rilke, and it was ideal not only because of its subject matter — war, and the waste of war — but because it occupied much the same place in German life as Housman's *A Shropshire Lad* did in British. Young German soldiers had often carried *Cornet Rilke* in their knapsacks to the slaughter on the Somme.

Ostensibly, Rilke's poem (loosely based on one of his 17th-century ancestors) romanticises the notion of a youth charging impetuously into battle — having lost his virginity only the previous night — and perishing gloriously. Matthus was having none of that.

"In both world wars, Rilke's poem was much abused," he maintains. "Young soldiers were lured into war by the image of this young man as a hero. But when I decided to turn it into an opera I re-read it, and found that these ideas were not there. They are certainly not part of my opera. I am a pacifist; *I don't glorify people* who die in war."

Just to make sure that the audience got the point from the outset, Matthus framed the story in a powerful choral setting of the *Dies irae*, the ancient Christian funeral hymn. "So now it is quite clear that I am angry about the fact that there has to be war."

But what gave the opera its special significance for Dresden was a further addition made by Matthus. At the start of the work, he set another Rilke poem — one that begins with the uncannily apt words "On a night like this fire came to the opera house". So immediately the opera takes on other layers of reference. It is not only a requiem for youth caught up in mass slaughter, but also for the bombed opera house and, by implication, for all artistic activity halted, corrupted or destroyed by war.

According to Matthus, the *Dies irae* here has two meanings. "The anger is about the death of a person, but also about the end of culture. I admire Benjamin Britten very much, and you could say that this opera is my homage to his *War Requiem* and its relationship to the bombed Coventry Cathedral — although I have not copied anything from his music."

Indeed not, unless it be sheer ingenuity. Matthus opted for a tiny but very unusual orchestra (four flutes, two harps, a fiendishly virtuosic horn part, electric bass guitar and a battery of percussion), but then used the chorus as other composers might use a full string section.

Moreover, the two main characters are "double voiced", a favourite Matthus device: one singer represents the words of the character, the other the thoughts — often contradictory. All very Freudian. Many listeners, however, may be more struck by the sensuality of Matthus's sounds. This is no dry piece of anti-war polemic.

What now for the composer who has already written operas based on the Russian Revolution, the French Revolution, a murder-mystery set in Brighton, and a cult German feminist novel? His next project, it turns out, is an opera about the 18th-century castrato singer Farinelli. The German counter-tenor Jochen Kowalski, who takes the main role, presumably won't be clocking up much Method-acting on this one.

Matthus denies that he has been much affected by German reunification. He still lives in his old flat in east Berlin. "My life has changed, but not my inner life as a composer. In the GDR I was often asked to write functional music for the state, but I would say that I was terribly busy composing something for Felsenstein, and this would get me off the hook.

"Things were certainly complicated then, but I have to say that there was always money for culture. Whereas in the united Germany, money for the arts is becoming scarce." Matthus looks around at the spartan backstage furnishings of *Sadler's Wells Theatre*. "Not yet as scarce as in England, though."

● Song of Love and Death *will be performed at Sadler's Wells (071-278 8916) on Monday, Thursday and Saturday next week. Each performance is preceded by an introductory talk. Then the opera will be toured to Norwich, Plymouth, Manchester, Oxford and Southampton. Radio 3 broadcasts it on October 27*

ARTS BRIEFING

Giles display

ONE OF Britain's best-known cartoonists is going on show for the first time in a public gallery. Carl Giles, now 77, made his debut in the *Daily Express* — initially as a war cartoonist — on October 3, 1943. To mark the 50th anniversary of that date there will be an exhibition of 200 Giles cartoons at the National Museum of Cartoon Art, in Euston (071-388 4326). Giles's most famous creation, the ferocious, umbrella-brandishing Grandma, will undoubtedly be well represented. The show also includes original drawings from the Duke of Edinburgh's collection. It opens on October 6.

● *DEREK BLOCK, the* impresario who packed the Albert Hall for six weeks with the Bolshoi Ballet, is at it again. This time it is the Bolshoi Ballet as dinner theatre, staged before an audience sitting at tables in the Grosvenor Hotel ballroom. The dancers are not from the main Moscow company, but affiliates from the smaller troupe run by Bolshoi boss, Yuri Grigorovich. Tickets for the shows (October 16, 17) are, as they say in Moscow, a snip at £125.

More than a match for Max Ernst

John Russell Taylor hails an artist who deserves to be better known

The first question raised by the **Dorothea Tanning** retrospective at the Camden Arts Centre is: should the artist have been stuck for so long in the shadow of her much more famous husband, Max Ernst?

The answer is definitely no. Apart from a shared connection with Surrealism, Tanning and Ernst were so different as artists that no one would ever have thought of comparing them except for the accident, artistically speaking, of their being married for nearly 30 years.

Tanning's most famous and familiar works date from the late Forties, and are the most instantly classifiable as Surrealist. They have the hard, precise finish of a typical Surrealist picture, and something approaching typical Surrealist subject matter: little girls in Victorian dress, endless cosmic vistas of sky, disquietingly large dogs and plants, ambiguous as to whether they are friend or foe. These pictures are extremely good of their kind, and some of them are justly among the most reproduced Surrealist images.

What up to now has not been so familiar is the later development of Tanning's style. Like Ernst, she went through a period of eclipse after they returned to Europe in 1953. Some artists find being shunned by the cognoscenti debilitating; Tanning clearly found it invigorating. The positive results of this kind of enforced retreat blaze out at one from the walls.



Dorothea Tanning's *Max in the blue boat*, 1947 (detail)

Even in her most precisionist work, Tanning was unmistakably a painterly painter, in love with the physical action of the brush. Liberated from the possible straitjacket of public expectation, she became freer and freer in her use of paint. Already it is beginning in the more impressionistically finished *Death and the Maiden* (1953), in which the oddity and mystery of what exactly is happening are left entirely to our imagination, whereas *The Philosophers*, of the previous year, insists in an overtly Surrealist fashion how strange and enigmatic it all is.

Soon the paint-surface softens and dissolves even more, sometimes to the verge of abstraction. When the technique is applied, as most often, to human figures, the feeling of universal deliquescence sometimes brings Bacon to mind. But finally the spirit is completely different. Tanning's work is deeply infused with wholly accepted eroticism. Even while one may not be too sure about what is happening to whom in the pictures, the indications that it must be something at once pleasurable and disturbing are too clear to be ignored.

The attitudes and overall movement of a painting like *Notes for an Apocalypse* (1977) are too evocative of Fuseli's *Nightmare* for the connection to be entirely accidental. Elsewhere the forms seem to vault weightlessly through the night air in a way that recalls Goya's witch paintings. At the very extreme of *Woman Artist, Nude, Standing* (1985-87) the painting becomes totally gestural.

Later still there are extraordinary new drawings which have become completely abstract. Throughout, Tanning's development is unpredictable, but once it reveals itself, inevitable. Even without such hallmark motifs as the recurrent Chinese dog, one is never in doubt for a moment that these are all the rigorously consistent work of the same artist. If Tanning has been undeservedly ignored in the past, this show, hot from Malmö, makes high claims for her now, and justifies them up to the hilt.

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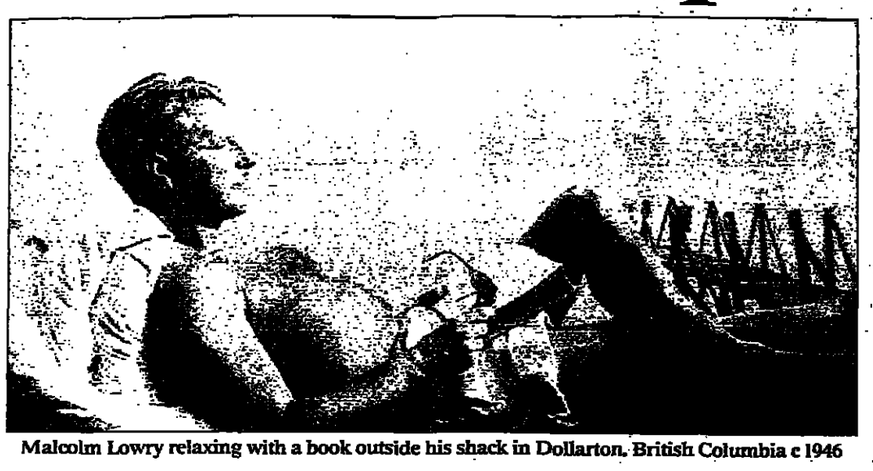
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The art of dissipation

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A Life of Malcolm Lowry
By Gordon Bowker
HarperCollins, £25



Malcolm Lowry relaxing with a book outside his shack in Dollarton, British Columbia c 1946

Being married to Malcolm Lowry cannot have been much fun. It was not simply that he was a terminally constipated, paranoid drunk with a thimble-size penis who rarely changed his socks or earnt any money. What his wives found really intolerable was his determination to absorb them into his dissipated life.

Jan Gabrial, the first Mrs Lowry, was almost co-opted into a prolonged alcohol and mescal bout in Mexico in 1936 and 1937, and his only response to her anguished letters was to appropriate them wholesale into the novel *Under the Volcano* which sprang from those hallucinatory experiences. His second wife, Margerie, was hijacked into performing every domestic activity to the point of feeding and dressing him, so that his energies remained intact for the vital functions of drinking and writing.

Both subsequently have tried to even the score. According to this detailed, lovingly researched, but only spasmodically interesting biography, Margerie made a determined attempt to have him lobotomised — "a small brain operation", she wheedled, "to relieve the tension & anxiety". By leaving sleeping pills strategically placed, she probably brought about his death at the age of 48 in 1957 from the effects of alcohol and barbiturates — the coroner's verdict was "misadventure".

Jan Gabrial has adopted the subtler course of persuading his biographer to see him her way — as a genius brought low by drink and bad company, in particular, by the manipulative novelist, Conrad Aiken. Since that standpoint is contradicted by the evidence on almost every page that drink and bad company were indispensable to the expression of his genius, the result is a blurred, unsatisfactory portrait of a writer who with every justification asserted, "not a drop of mescal I have not turned into pure gold, not a drink I have not made sing."

Despite an early novel, *Ultramarine*, several short stories, poems and a posthumously published collection of unfinished work, Lowry is rightly seen as a one-novel writer. This is partly because *Under the Volcano* so towers over the others in finish and complexity, but mainly because it presents most completely the subject of his own fiction — himself. Yet it utterly transcends the limitations of that subject. Published in 1947, it retains an abiding value both for the beauty of the language and for the intensity of its depiction of Geoffrey Firmin's last day alive which transforms the great mid-century theme of individuality and alienation into a universal rather than merely cerebral experience.

Gordon Bowker's strictly chronological biography begins with Lowry's privileged childhood in Cheshire as the fourth and last son of a Liverpool cotton-broker who rose from office-boy to senior partner. Having survived an eye infection which threatened to blind him, and merciless teasing at school once he had been seen naked, he enlisted aged 17 as a deckhand on a freighter going to China, an experience which gave him the material for his first novel. The suicide of a fellow-undergraduate at Cambridge, in which he possibly connived, added to his sense of being damned, and by the time he came to write seriously, such a clear line of psychological isolation stretched from unloved childhood through tormented schooldays to ostracised sailor, and woman-fearing adult, that his state was precisely that described in one of his poems:

He seemed to have known no
love, to have valued dread
above all human feelings. He
liked the dead.

Drink gave him a loudly extravagant manner behind which he escaped to the margins of society — seedy hotels in Mexico, and later a seaside hut in British Columbia, but always with his alcoholic bolthole at hand. And it is from that perspective that he saw the dislocation of self and society.

Bowker follows his physical humiliations in remorseless detail: the tiny penis, the smelly feet, the constipation, the drunkenness — but offers no adequate insight on the source of such magical lines as this view of a Ferris wheel in a Mexican fairground, "Over the town in the dark tempestuous night, backwards revolved the luminous wheel."

Lowry, however, remains his own best guide. "The keynote is fear" he once wrote to his father, "an appalling rooted terror sown somewhere in childhood". It made him an exile; but to bridge the gap he poured out letters to friends, drank incessantly as a substitute for the "endless hunger" of sex, and above all fashioned a fiction whose prose and clarity of observation still seduce strangers into sharing his experience. What's more, it can be enjoyed without having to marry the author.

Songbird stew and pun pastiche

D.L. Flusfeder

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Márquez: miraculous

There are 12 stories in Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *Strange Pilgrims*. He made the notes for them in 1976 but only two of the stories were completed then. The rest stayed dormant, resisting his attempts, (read his introduction to find out why), until the remaining ten were written in eight recent feverish months. Each of the stories is concerned with Latin Americans adrift or pilgrimming or adventuring in Europe's hostile weather and stale habits: and most of them, like so much of Marquez's writing, are touched by the miraculous.

We meet a Peruvian in Rome, patiently waiting a quarter of a century to meet the Pope so beatitude can be conferred on his dead daughter whom he keeps in a cello case, her weightless body magically preserved, her uncorrupted hands holding a posy of five roses: and the pair of brothers who learn the happy secret of sailing their boat indoors upon electric light: and the woman who makes a living selling the prophecies of her dreams.

But Márquez's genius is for the physical. Characters urinate, devour songbird stew; old people remember their youthful lovemaking, and sometimes re-enact it in pleasant sedentary fashion. It is this spirit of generous desire that fills Márquez's work, and the true miracle at work is the author's precision at conveying it: "Homero's timidity was painful, and he had no ambitions beyond the little he earned, but Lázara could not conceive of life without him because of the innocence of his heart and the caliber of his member." The tone here, in "Bon Voyage, Mr President", as in most of the stories, is a cool, perfect mix of gravity and humour.

My favourite in the collection is "The Trail Of Your Blood In The Snow", one of the two that were completed in 1976. A pair of upper class Latins on their honeymoon — an educated beauty, who takes to love with the same enthusiasm she had once spent on learning the saxophone, and a lovesick thug — drive through snowy France as the rose prick wound on her finger continues to bleed. Finally, in Paris, she checks into hospital and he checks into a shabby room nearby. Paris, for this dull thug, is a snow-stormy labyrinth of mean rooms and bars, guarded by penny-pinchers who do not speak his language. He gets lost, gently scrubs his pregnant bride's fur coat clean of blood, gets lost again, fails to gain admission to the hospital to see his wife, struggles to find anybody who will treat him with consideration. And meanwhile his wife's life has been slipping away. It is a sad, beautiful story — but one in which the tragedy of missed moments and fumbled attempts only raises the "disquieting love of her tender beach hoodlum" to a kind of impotent glory.

G. Cabrera Infante has the right credentials to qualify as a character in one of Márquez's stories. Infante is a Cuban who has lived in exile in Europe (London mostly) since the early sixties. *Writes of Passage* is a translation of his first book, which came out in Cuba in 1960. In his introduction he owns up to his early influences, mostly American, notably Hemingway and Faulkner. "My writing," he notes, "springs up not from life but from reading." The stories are youthful pastiche pieces, packed with puns. Infante shares the translation credit with two others, and you get the impression that his share of the work was to spot the places where he could toss in the English puns — "'too many cooks spoil the brothel" and "where there's a willie there's a way" pop up in the same overloaded paragraph.

The best stories here are those which build up a slow mood of unsatisfiable yearning, with characters separated by language, and the ones which are pastiches of Hemingway. "A Ballad of Bullets and Bull's Eyes" is Hemingway's "The Killers" transplanted to Havana. The final piece in the collection, "English Profanities", is the true account of his arrest and brief imprisonment under the Batista regime for the crime of including English swearwords in this story. Infante needs more words than Hemingway to achieve a weaker atmosphere of menace and arbitrary punishment, but he gets it, all the same.

Homage to a Catalonian

David Ekserdjian

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In previous centuries, so-called late works were in reality simply last works. Late Schubert was written before his death at the ripe old age of 31. In our own century, by contrast, the notion that late means great has been put to a severe test by longevity. An alarming number of masters of modern art seem to have spent their final years establishing foundations, and decorating plazas and air terminals. Henry Moore is a case in point, and so — admittedly more successfully — is Joan Miró.

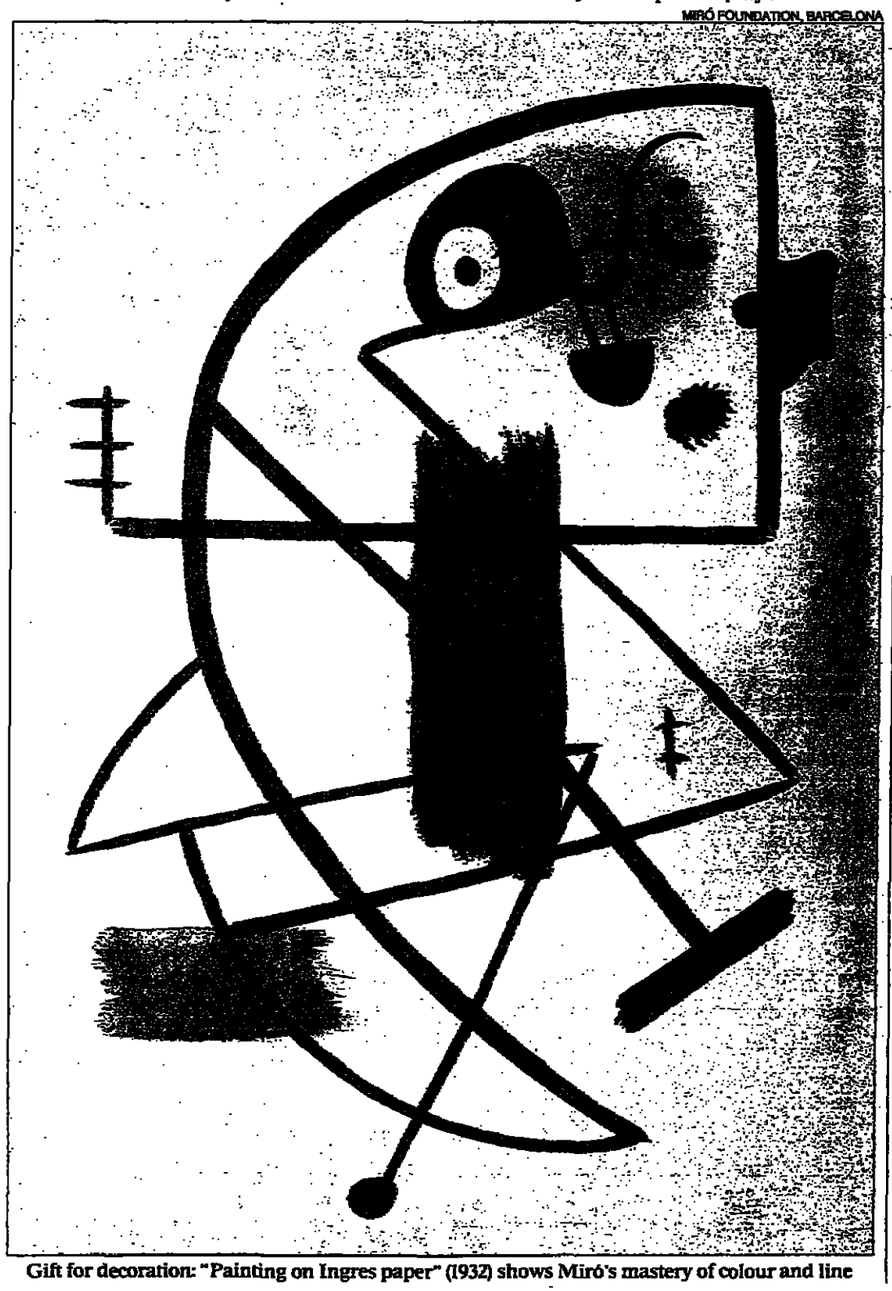
However, as the centenary exhibition of which this monograph was the catalogue so amply demonstrated, the best of Miró is very good indeed. The catalogue contains 238 items, not counting numerous preliminary drawings, accompanied by a group of introductory essays, and an anthology of quotations from the artist's letters and interviews commenting on individual works.

Miró claimed at one point that he drew inspiration from the cracks, stains, and scribbles on walls: in so doing, whether consciously or unconsciously, he was echoing a piece of advice proffered by Leonardo da Vinci. The results, of course, could hardly be more different, but it is also striking how various Miró's own achievement is. It could be argued he had arrived when his early *Self Portrait* was acquired by his fellow Catalan, Picasso. It contains Cubist elements, but his distinctive amoebic forms, combined with areas of pure colour juxtaposed against black, only appear in the early twenties with such works as *The Tilled Field* and *Catalan Landscape*. Yet the wonderful thing about Miró is that there is no such thing as a typical work, because he either resisted the temptation to repeat himself, or never felt the need to consolidate his reputation.

The mastery of colour and line is worthy of another modern master, Klee, but there are moments of violence too. The low, dishonest decade of the thirties did not culminate in a grand gesture on the scale of *Guernica*, but Miró's response to political events in his native Spain is deeply felt too, if markedly more oblique than that of Picasso. Elsewhere Miró deliberately distances himself from the cares of the world, and exploits the calligraphic potential of the written word with an economy and grace worthy of the Orient.

In his essay Christopher Green analyses the relationship between particular drawings and paintings. In general Miró drawings are almost ruthlessly practical, a means to an end and little more. It is extraordinary that an artist of such unerring elegance and wit should have produced these rudimentary diagrams, although Poussin is another genius who knew how to transform the caterpillars of his drawings into the butterflies that are his paintings. In the case of Miró's collage-inspired pictures, in which he made cut-outs of propellers and other machinery from technical periodicals by way of preparation, the point of departure is even more surprising.

Some of the surrealist antics preserved here, together with the adolescent pretension of all too many of the titles of works, strain one's patience. Nevertheless, all — and that even includes the absurdities of some of the critics — is easily forgiven in the presence of such an overwhelming gift for decoration, in the best sense. When Roger Fry and Clive Bell, obsessed with their doctrine of significant form, all but implied that there was precious little to choose between a Crucifixion and an abstract, they were talking nonsense. On the other hand, it is less clear that an understanding of Miró's symbols is vital to an appreciation of his art. They may have been of paramount significance to him, but that does not mean that they need be overwhelmingly important to us. Indeed, it could be argued that this is the point at which the artist and the work part company.



MIRÓ FOUNDATION, BARCELONA

Gift for decoration: "Painting on Ingres paper" (1932) shows Miró's mastery of colour and line

Rabbie set to music

Ian McIntyre

THE SONGS OF ROBERT BURNS
Edited by Donald A. Low
Routledge, £125

In the spring of 1796, Robert Burns told one of his editors that he intended one day to publish all the songs of which he wished to be known as the author. Not, he explained, to make money, but to do justice to his Muse — "lest I should be blamed for trash I never saw, or be defrauded by other claimants of what is justly my own." Two months later, at the age of 37, Burns was dead, and his Muse was left to fend for herself.

She did not have an entirely easy time. Carlyle and Tennyson said kind things, but Walter Scott thought the time spent on contributions to musical collections had been "frittered away". Robert Louis Stevenson was even sharper — Burns, he declared, had spent his later years "whittling cherry-stones". Today, even the most voracious eater of Burns Suppers is unlikely to know more than half a dozen of his songs, and yet he wrote, revised or collected some 370 of them.

Regarding this neglect as deplorable, Donald Low offers a large-scale remedy — the first comprehensive and unexpurgated modern edition of all discoverable songs by the bard. This is the most substantial contribution to Burns scholarship since James Kingsley's three-volume edition of the poems and songs 25 years ago.

Low contends that a true estimate of Burns will do justice equally to satire and to song, and that he was no less at home in song than his contemporary Blake was in graphic art. Establishing the correct music for many of those songs is nevertheless immensely tricky. Not all of them were published in Burns's lifetime — some were obscene, others politically radical. David Johnson, Low's musical copy-editor, acknowledges the skill of earlier scholars in identifying what tunes Burns asked for, and establishing those occasions when he changed his mind or was overruled by his editors.

But many traditional Scottish melodies exist in a variety of forms. Which versions did Burns know and prefer? Johnson has attempted answers to these questions by trying out the different versions in performance — the right answer, he believes, is often obvious by its power to put the words across "and make an audience laugh (or cry) in the right places".

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When sisterhood is vengeful

Christina Koning

THE ROBBER BRIDE
By Margaret Atwood
Bloomsbury, £15.99

IN THE 25 years since the publication of her first novel, *The Edible Woman*, Margaret Atwood's books have offered a running commentary on the female condition, dealing with subjects — from anorexia nervosa to romantic fiction — generally thought to be of particular interest to women. In most of these books, it is men, weak-willed and selfish or aggressive and insensitive, who are the villains: most obviously so in Atwood's dystopian fable *The Handmaid's Tale*.

Of late, however, she seems to have retreated from this uncompromisingly feminist position. In her last novel, *Cat's Eye*, as in her latest work, the men are mere ciphers, bit-players in the bloody revenge tragedy of the sex war. It is women, other women, who are the real enemy. Atwood's fictions are pervaded by images of men's ill-treatment of women: yet none of these is as grotesque, or as violent, as the scene in *The Robber Bride* in which one woman envisages the effect of reverse plastic surgery on another:

"She would like to be able to say a magic word — *Shazam!* — that would cause time to run backwards, make the caps on Zenia's teeth pop off to reveal the dead stumps underneath, melt her ceramic gaze, whiten her hair, shrivel her amnio-acid-fed estrogen-replacement skin, pop her breasts open like grapes so that their silicone bulges would whiz across the room and splat against the wall."

The focus of this unsisterly vindictiveness is the beautiful and fascinating Zenia, who, it seems, has only to look at a man for him to become her slave. Husbands, lovers and sons fall like ninepins before her, to the extreme irritation of all the other, less beautiful and fascinating women in the novel. Diminutive Tony, a military historian, thinks about shooting Zenia and "finishing her off" with a cordless drill; Charis, a New Age hippy, imagines pushing her out of a window; and Roz, the head of a multi-million dollar corporation, considers murdering Zenia and "making it look like a sex killing". The only thing these women have in common, apart from the fact that they were all undergraduates together at the University of Toronto during the 1960s, is their hatred of Zenia, which, even after 30 years, still seems as intense as ever.

As the novel opens, Tony, Charis and Roz are meeting for their weekly lunch at a modishly sleazy restaurant called Le Toxique, described with the author's usual satirical relish for the nuances of fashion. Here, the unspoken topic underlying the conversation is Zenia — this, despite the fact that she has apparently been dead for five years. Later, when Zenia herself turns up at the restaurant, having faked her own death for reasons which are never made entirely clear, the three women become increasingly obsessed with her, each imagining that it is she who has been selected as the object of Zenia's revenge. There seems to be no special motive for this revenge, other than a kind of generalised malevolence: But that, we are repeatedly told, is the kind of woman Zenia is.

FOLLOWING the opening skirmish, we are offered a series of flashbacks to the childhood of each of the protagonists, as well as to the more recent past. From these episodes, it emerges that each of the three women has had a bad relationship with her mother: one has been physically abused, another abandoned, a third treated as little more than a servant. With such psychological histories, they are no match for Zenia, who, with her witchy black hair and manipulative ways, is the Bad Mother incarnate. Quite why the author had to incorporate this overworked symbolism into what would otherwise be an enjoyably malicious skit on feminist sisterhood, is hard to understand.

When not indulging her taste for comic-horrific fantasy or half-baked Freudian imagery, Atwood can write very well. She is at her best, as admirers of her short stories will attest, when most economical: summarising a whole era in one, devastatingly accurate image; or nailing a character with a single sentence. Examples of both can be found in this novel, although, regrettably, there is much that could have been excised.

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Terrible beauty or romantic eyewash?

Peter Ackroyd appreciates a historian who is wonderfully sceptical about the posturings of Ireland's extremists

PADDY & MR PUNCH
Connections in English and Irish History
By R.F. Foster
Viking, £22.50

This is essentially a book about Irishness — not as some exclusive or determined set of characteristics, but rather as a form of cultural history which can best be understood outside the fiery circle of what Roy Foster calls the "Catholic-Gaelic value systems". In fact much of this book scrutinises the history of those systems, which derive in part from 18th-century antiquarian studies, but which were hijacked by atavistic movements such as Young Ireland. In that country, as elsewhere, history has always been a matter of contemporaneous political consciousness.

Academic studies have now largely dispensed with the myth of the Irish as a grand race bursting from the loins of Brian Boru but, as Foster notes on more than one occasion, popular sensibility rarely pays attention to the textbooks. That is perhaps where all the nation's troubles start, and he suggests that the very idea of confrontation between Irish and English may have been partly manufactured by politicians or historians for their own ideological motives. He reflects on "the length of time we are obliged to go back before we arrive at any mode of life that may with truth be termed distinctively Irish," and then in turn speculates that Irish identity itself could be "heavily influenced by English literature and English thought".

An argument of this kind is not likely to appeal to those who insist that a nation must retain its myths of origin in order to preserve its sense of purpose, or its power. Within the context of his historical studies, in fact, Foster seems to be proposing a pluralist Ireland which maintains its central identity within some grand cultural diversity; but he would be the first to realise that in the process something (and not just the bloodshed) would be lost.

If it is possible to divide the broad range of humankind between those who hold a secular view of the world and those who entertain a religious notion of life and death, how do we calculate the benefits or disadvantages when an essentially religious state eventually becomes secularised? All those values inherited from the 16th and 17th centuries — Church, Nation, and a mythological history to sustain them — are now considered antiquated where they are not actually dangers. It is the easiest thing in the world to destroy the creed of a nationalist by pointing to Northern Ireland or the tribal conflicts of Europe, but the prospect of a world in which national cultures are merely seen as an assembly of diverse or pluralistic attitudes is not an altogether comfortable one.

Of course this may be to overstate the case, and in the course of Foster's own argument it is possible to locate a sense of culture as part of a true sense of place: in a very interesting essay on Parnell, for example, he relates that politician's preoccupations and beliefs to his lifelong concern for Wicklow. In any case the Irish are unlikely to lose the sources of their identity because their sense of history has always been strong — as Foster notes, no nation is so concerned with reading about itself and displays so genuine a reverence for its past. If only the English had a similar attitude. It is often the case that a threatened race tends to preserve and record its identity, but that is exactly what it should do. Indeed a similar passion animates Foster himself: he is a first-rate historian and, although there are occasions (unavoidable in a volume of reprinted essays) when he repeats a theme or a remark, the value of his work can hardly be questioned. His grasp of the complexities of Irish history is strong, and he is wonderfully sceptical about the attitudes struck by Fenians, Gaelic Leaguers, Orange cardholders, Abbey dramatists, and almost everybody else.

His literary sensibility is also very acute (there is an entertaining essay here on the novels of Elizabeth Bowen) but he might perhaps have given a little more space both to the wit of the Irish and to that extraordinary dramatic tradition which encompasses Sheridan, Shaw and Wilde. He deals with Synge, naturally enough, but only in the context of his relationship with Yeats. It is especially to be regretted that he mentions only in passing the greatest Irishman of the 19th century, Oscar Wilde, in whose person the strange comingling of the Irish and the English was to reach so fatal a conclusion.

There is perhaps another literary point to be made, since it is one which crucially affects that relationship between the Irish and the English which is at the centre of this book. In the work of Joyce and of Wilde, to pick only two of the eminent examples, there seems to be an attempt to subvert the English language in the wildest and most intoxicating ways. It is as if an effort were being made to destabilise the dialect of the dominant partner, and the nearest contemporary equivalent would be Australian writing of the last two decades.

Of course Foster cannot possibly cover all of the available ground, and his essays on Lord Randolph Churchill and Trollope in particular suggest that he is able to divine the significance of cultural relationships in far less obvious places. And yet the central figure hovering over these pages is that of W.B. Yeats, whose biography Foster is currently writing, and in the powerfully quixotic and theatrical character of the poet the true nature of the relationship between England and Ireland may yet be found.

One of Yeats's remarkable qualities was the extent to which he understood how events would be seen *in the future*, and out of that knowledge an extraordinary vision was born. Foster has something of the same gift, in the sense that he is able to disentangle himself from the parochial fashions of the moment and see the life of a nation as a whole. That is why *Paddy & Mr Punch* is necessary reading even for those who still believe in that old and distinguished Irish identity which may turn out not to have existed at all.



Punch's attack on the fanatical Young Ireland movement whose leaders openly endorsed violence



Helen Suzman retains her seat for the Progressive Party in 1970

Our lady of the prisoners

R.W. Johnson

IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS
Memoirs
By Helen Suzman
Sinclair-Stevenson, £17.99

Helen Suzman, in her farewell speech to her constituents after 36 years as a South African MP, told how she'd been out to dinner when her host, seeking to impress the black waiter, had said, "Josiah, do you know this lady? She is Mrs Suzman. She spends all her time trying to help your people." Josiah looked at her disdainfully and said "She waste her time." Mrs Suzman tells the story and enjoys it, not only because she likes a joke — but because she always has her feet firmly planted on the African ground. Her long, passionate and lonely battle against apartheid — for 13 years she was the sole Progressive Party MP — was never a matter of abstract principle: she, more than anyone, was willing to get her hands dirty.

It was, simply, necessary. During those years she would have to deliver major speeches on her party's position on any number of portfolios. She had neither speechwriters nor researchers to help her and, if she was not to be overwhelmed by the attacks of the hundred-plus government MPs and ministers, her speeches had to be better than theirs — which they generally were. At the same time she was an endless correspondent, investigator of forced removals, traveller and prison visitor (the writer, Breyten Breytenbach, from his cell, called her, heartfelt, "Our Lady of the Prisoners").

She took up endless individual cases of injustice, familiarised herself with the arcane legislation of race supremacy in a hundred areas, played cloak-and-dagger to receive smuggled documents from detainees, and fought for women's rights.

The former prime minister, P.W. Botha, that supreme bully and promoter of bullies, hated her with a passion — "a vicious little cat", he called her — threatened her physically on occasion, had her phone tapped and mail opened. Nothing stopped or even deflected her. In all the annals of parliamentarism in the English-speaking world, Helen Suzman may have been the best there has ever been.

Her book often reads rather brusquely, as if she's been too busy to philosophise. She was routinely subject to wounding anti-Semitic insults and insinuations which she simply brushed aside as if she didn't have time to be hurt by them. On one occasion a Mrs Van Zyl, an enraged militant of the far-right women's group, the Kappie Kommando, took up cudgels against her: the ancestors of the KK ladies had taken the Bible over the mountains to the black savages on the other side, but what were your ancestors doing then, Mrs Suzman? This earned her the reply: "Dear Mrs Van Zyl, My ancestors were busy writing the Bible. Yours faithfully, Helen Suzman."

Perhaps the saddest passages of this book relate to the way Mrs Suzman was abandoned and then denounced by more radical spirits, many of whom she had served and defended. For she was a judicious liberal, not a revolutionary. Her parliamentary career, she points out, was largely based on the determined fairness of an Afrikaner nationalist Speaker who gave her ten times as many opportunities to speak as any other MP. When Winnie Mandela alleged that her husband was being tortured in jail, Mrs Suzman visited him, ascertained this was not so and said so.

She opposed sanctions, opposed the electoral boycott advocated by white radicals and was prevented from speaking at her own university as a result. She recounts such incidents without bitterness, though the sheer dreadful shabbiness of such treatment is painful even to read about.

Nelson Mandela contributes a foreword to this book which is a pity, perhaps, for one feels that Mrs Suzman's contemporary views — she is a trenchant critic of the more illiberal impulses of the African National Congress — are a little stifled. And hers is a voice one would never want to be stilled. But he and she — remarkably now both in their mid-seventies — know that they have been living through a revolution, that personal complaints are pointless and that true companions along the route are rare.

How to build Jerusalem

Paul Barker

AN AGENDA FOR BRITAIN
By Frank Field
HarperCollins, £6.99

Ask what Labour believes in, and you are "immediately faced with Labour's black hole". With his usual brutal honesty, this is Frank Field's starting point in seeking out a new agenda for a democratic left. He is the brightest maverick on the Opposition benches. Labour will get nowhere, he argues, without a new ethic, without what George Bush called "the vision thing".

Yet he perceives "no serious discussion" of where the party is going: simply a belief that the pendulum must one day swing back to Labour. But why should it, he asks, when Labour is so little trusted at the moment of truth in a general election voting booth? Answers to opinion pollsters, he ingeniously suggests, are now used by voters (like by-elections) to put the fear of defeat into Tory governments *in default of* an Opposition they can turn to as a real alternative.

So how can Labour build Jerusalem again? Field is scathing about the ugly face of the party's inner politics. But, most importantly, he wants Labour to seize on issues which sum up a genuine change of heart. They would need to have the "sacramental impact" of Mrs Thatcher's commitment to council house sales.

Council house sales combined, in one political nutshell, an appeal to individualism, to the power of the market, and to voters' self-interest. Field says Labour must now unreservedly accept individuals' legitimate wish to get on in the world. "For the whole of my political life Labour has espoused a view of human nature which is simply wrong." But it must always seek to temper the wind to the shorn lamb.

He proposes two possible sacramental issues. The first is unemployment. The fear of a lost job touches every family: full employment should be restored as a political creed. The second is pension funds (remember that Field chairs the Commons select committee on social security), through which the rest of us "own" half of Britain's industry. He wants to give people more democratic control over the funds they contribute to.

Field comes not to bury Labour, but to re-shape it. Everywhere he seeks to ditch "the ration book mentality of the left". You don't have to agree with every item on his ticket to enjoy the ride.

He rubs home his argument from his experiences of helping people in Birkenhead, the constituency he has so admirably represented since 1979. He nowhere says that, till the eleventh hour before the 1992 general election, he was still fighting off attempts by the local far left to de-select him. Labour's uglier scars still need surgery. Here is a sharp scalpel.



Frank Field: a new ethic

For a few days in the autumn of 1980, it seemed that Peter Shore would be the next leader of the Labour party. Jim Callaghan, defeated, had resigned. Denis Healey was hated by the left; John Silkin was unacceptable to the right. Shore prepared to dance down the middle. Then trade union leaders, with their unerring ability to choose losers, pressed Michael Foot to stand. The dark days of Labour's nightmare had begun.

From his semi-retired vantage point on Labour's backbenches, does Shore now regret it? Very probably. He had strong credentials. A former crony of Harold Wilson, he learnt the arts of party management from a political grandmaster. He retained an aura of being on the left due to an ancient willingness to control imports, yet his hatred of the hard Bennite left would have appealed to the right of the party. His biggest problem would have been his visceral anti-Europeanism, which would have made it impossible for him to avert the Labour/SDP split; but in that regard he would have been no worse than Foot.

A more dispassionate observer might conclude that his was a narrow escape. This book, his sound, if low-key, account of Labour's eight leaders since 1931 (into which the author occasionally flits as a *deus in machina*), shows just how hard it is to lead the Labour party. You have all the tasks common to party leaders: to command the Commons, to attract voters, to design policies and to manage men. But you have a crucial additional task: you must keep in line a party outside parliament, over which you have no direct authority.

In Labour doctrine, its annual conference is sovereign. Between its meetings, its national executive is in charge. With both, the leader has the power to persuade, but not to control. Control at conference lies with the trade unions, commanding up to 70 per cent of the conference through the block vote. The unions also hold 12 of the 29 seats on the national executive (and cast most of the votes which choose a further five women).

Leaders have tacked this way and that to deal with the problem. Clement Attlee's letter to Harold Laski is a famous exception: as party chairman, Laski had tried to insist on a leadership election. "Dear Laski," Attlee replied, "Thank you for your letter, the contents of which have been noted." But most of the time he trimmed.

Hugh Gaitskell promised he would "fight, fight and fight again" to save the party from its unilateralism. Less often realised is that, after that same fight, he accepted a shabby compromise. Harold Wilson ignored the national executive in the 1960s, gradually bowed to it in the early 1970s, and ignored it in government in the mid-70s, thereby sowing the first seeds of the Bennite drive for party control of the leadership. Only Neil Kinnock ever really managed the party, using his personal popularity to win a majority, and iron organisational discipline thereafter.

Sadistic Tories will enjoy this book. But they should not chortle too loud. True, in the Conservative party, the leader enjoys total formal authority over the party: appointing its chairman, consulting him and it when he wants, ignoring him and it as he will. But formal authority is not all in politics. When, as now, the party is rebellious, the prime minister may pull the strings, but the marionettes will refuse to twitch. The Conservative party in the country may yet contribute as much to making John Major's life a misery as the Labour party has to the misery of successive Labour leaders.

David Lipsey writes for The Economist.

Plagued by their unruly troops

David Lipsey

LEADING THE LEFT
By Peter Shore
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £17.99

Just a band of ordinary men

Walter Ellis

U2: A Conspiracy of Hope
By Dave Bowler and Bryan Dray
Sidgwick & Jackson, £14.99

LIKE THE trusted servants of Roman emperors, the authors of this book repeatedly remind us that the four musicians who make up the rock band U2 are "ordinary men". The danger that we might otherwise treat them as gods is clearly seen, and there can be no doubt that U2, with guilty relish, share the vision.

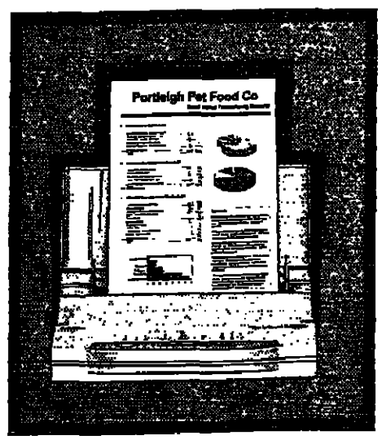
In the pantheon of Irish rock, beginning with Van Morrison, Thin Lizzy and Rory Gallagher, continuing with Bob Geldof and the Boomtown Rats and coming up to date with Sinead O'Connor and Clannad, U2 are the ultimate godhead. This would be a considerable cross to bear for any quartet of young Dubliners. With three of them British by birth and the fourth (Bono Vox) brought up in the Church of Ireland, it was doubly strange.

The quartet, musically audacious and gaudily inventive on stage, are the most successful band in history, making an estimated £50 million a year in the late 1980s and having a world following more enduring, more demanding, than even the Beatles. Michael Jackson and Prince probably enjoy higher overall earnings. They are, however, little more than talented automatons — androgenous versions of Madonna. On a more authentic level, Bruce Springsteen likes to call himself "The Boss", but in reality it is U2 who call the tune.

BONO, the band's leader and principal songwriter, was born plain Paul Hewson. He bestrides his native turf rather as Finn MacCool might have done if he had grown up listening to Elvis and T. Rex and joined Greenpeace. Simultaneously cynical and naive, he interrupts performances to speak live, by satellite, to Sarajevo, and presumes, like Sting, to comprehend the underlying rhythms of the world. The Dublin government, meanwhile, is in thrall. Michael Higgins, the Irish arts and culture minister, said last week that the works of U2 should be studied in schools and universities throughout Ireland, and the band's manager, Paul McGuinness, has been appointed to the board of the Arts Council.

Bowler and Dray, whose previous musicological offering was a biography of Genesis, Britain's leading pioneers of arthritic rock, do a workmanlike, if star-struck job in presenting our heroes. They seem to be aware at one level of the ungovernable pretentiousness of their subjects. Thus we get the full tragi-comic lowdown on U2's struggle against war, poverty, "tight-arsed morality" and Sellafield. They also come perilously close to endorsing the inherent contradictions, even to the extent of sympathising with Bono's need to cleanse the earth of evil and make enormous sums of money at the same time. What they would have written had they had the band's co-operation can only be imagined.

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UNIVERSITY CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

A forceful wave of innovation

Portsmouth's new policies aim to bring prosperity to the city.

Patricia Tisdall reports on a city that is going places

Portsmouth's busy streets are taking on a new appearance with gaily clad students replacing uniformed naval ratings and swarms of dockyard workers. Within a year of its inauguration, the university has brought fresh vigour to the city.

"Portsmouth is proud of its university just as it was proud of the polytechnic which preceded it and of the technical institute before that," Richard Trist, chief executive of the city council, says. One way in which the council is seeking to harness academic intellect is by granting funds towards a newly created post of professor of local economy. This is intended to stimulate in-depth analysis of the local and regional economies.

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is recognised as the most defence-dependent area in the UK and the ninth in Europe. The priority for the next decade is diversification away from defence-related employment. Final touches are being made to obtain funding from the EC's Konver Grant from the Regional Development and European Social Fund.

Portsmouth has achieved considerable progress in diversification through its own efforts. In 1976, the city council took advantage of the reduction in naval shipping movements to establish the Continental Ferry Port with connections to Normandy and, more recently, Spain. This has become the second busiest in the UK. Its tourist industry has been transformed from an old-fashioned English seaside resort to a maritime heritage cultural centre attractive to overseas visitors all the year round. Properties no longer needed for military or industrial use are being marketed to new industries.

The university itself is making a significant contribution by injecting about £120 million a year into the local economy. Its staff of more than 1,400 makes it one of the largest employers. While individually the 11,000 undergraduates are far from wealthy, their collective spending provides a noticeable boost to shops and services.

> Portsmouth port has become the second busiest in the UK

Characteristic of Portsmouth's city council is that it is both pro-European and pro-marketing (in the mid-1980s it was the first in Britain to appoint a professional marketing manager). It regards comparable European cities as competitors and seeks to match Continental investment in new amenities, while building on existing strengths.

Similar attitudes are reflected in the university. The excellent track record for practical education gained while a polytechnic is, for instance, used in attracting undergraduates. More Portsmouth first degree students — some 65 per cent — find meaningful jobs than those from most other institutions of higher education. It also regards itself as a European university with a strong emphasis on languages. Co-operative programmes have been set up with 34 other universities in seven EC countries.

Each term, formal liaison meetings are held with the city council. Informal meetings take place more frequently. Communication is assisted by the dual role held by Dr Alan Burnett, leader of the council, who is also a lecturer at the university.

In addition to providing a flexible pool of skilled labour, the university works for businesses through UPEL (University of Portsmouth Enterprises Ltd), a company which co-ordinates research and consultancy projects whose annual turnover is approaching £3 million. Economists of the Portsmouth Business School survey the business environment while its Management Centre organises seminars and courses to update commercial expertise.

PETER TREVNOR



Richard Trist, chief executive of the city council, hopes to harness Portsmouth's local academic talent

Ferry companies strain at the leash

The port has expanded dramatically and is actively encouraging improvements

Managers of Portsmouth's thriving Continental Ferry Port are feeling intensely frustrated. Funds earmarked for expansion to offset the effects of the Channel Tunnel have been slashed because of government financial constraints on local authority borrowing. Permission has been granted for only a fraction of the £10 million it would have liked to invest in land recovery and improved berths during the next 12 months, *Patricia Tisdall writes.*

Port and city together are pleading for an exception to be made. Their argument is that funds would be raised from commercial money markets and involve no taxpayers' money. The funds which have been permitted are estimated as sufficient only to maintain existing infrastructure.

Exasperation is increased because of a successful track record. Opened in 1976, Portsmouth's Continental Ferry Port has grown to become the UK's second busiest next to Dover. It handles more than 800,000 cars and 2.6 million passengers.

Passenger and vehicle ferry services operate to the Continent (St. Malo, Caen, via Brittany Ferries; Le Havre and Cherbourg via P & O European Ferries) and to the Channel Islands (Commodore Ferries). There is considerable excitement at the prospect of the new link to Spain via Bilbao, which P & O is planning to start this autumn, and the return of the Santander connection which Britanny Ferries is to run during the winter months.

The university, which has the chair of Iberian studies and a very popular Spanish language course, is joining the city council to present the advantages of Portsmouth in Bilbao next month. Aimed at expanding trade with Spain, the presentation will seek to encourage Spanish businesses to invest in Portsmouth, as well as marketing education and leisure products.

In addition to its passenger ferries, Portsmouth has a sizeable freight operation. Some 4,000 square metres of modern temperature-controlled warehousing has been built to store produce from the Channel Islands and from further afield such as Surinam, Belize and Honduras (bananas), South Africa and Morocco (citrus fruit).

A £4 million investment programme last year expanded and modernised freight facilities at Flathouse Quay to cover an area of four acres, thereby permitting vessels of up to 156 metres to berth at all states of the tide.

Operators at Flathouse Quay are MMD Shipping Services, part of the Commodore Shipping Group of Companies, which has had a strong presence in the commercial port since its connections with the Channel Islands began in 1952. The group, which is responsible for the carriage of more than 60 per cent of the Channel Islands' general freight, operates 50 vehicles and covers all UK fruit and vegetable markets and supermarkets, returning with Channel Islands freight.

At North Quay, a new purpose-built complex opened in September 1990 at a cost of £3.5 million, provides two acres of quay spaces. Built on reclaimed land, this is operated by PD Wharfage Ltd., part of the Powell Duffryn Group, and handles dry bulk products as well as steel and timber.

In the past 12 months, about 255,000 freight units, an increase of 20 per cent on last year, have passed through Portsmouth. A crucial advantage of Portsmouth's continental link is its easy access to greatly improved road links as well as the location of berths close to the open sea. In September 1991, the ferry port was extended and a new land entrance provided to make access even easier. In recent years, the end of the motorway has come to within yards of the dock gates giving a fast link to London and the Midlands.

Another important aspect of Portsmouth's port activities are its services to the Isle of Wight. The Wightlink service carries about 4 million passengers and nearly 800,000 vehicles on more than 35,000 sailings. The city also features the world's longest-established commercial hovercraft operator. More than 11 million passengers annually use the service operated by Hovertravel between Southsea and Ryde Esplanade on the Isle of Wight.

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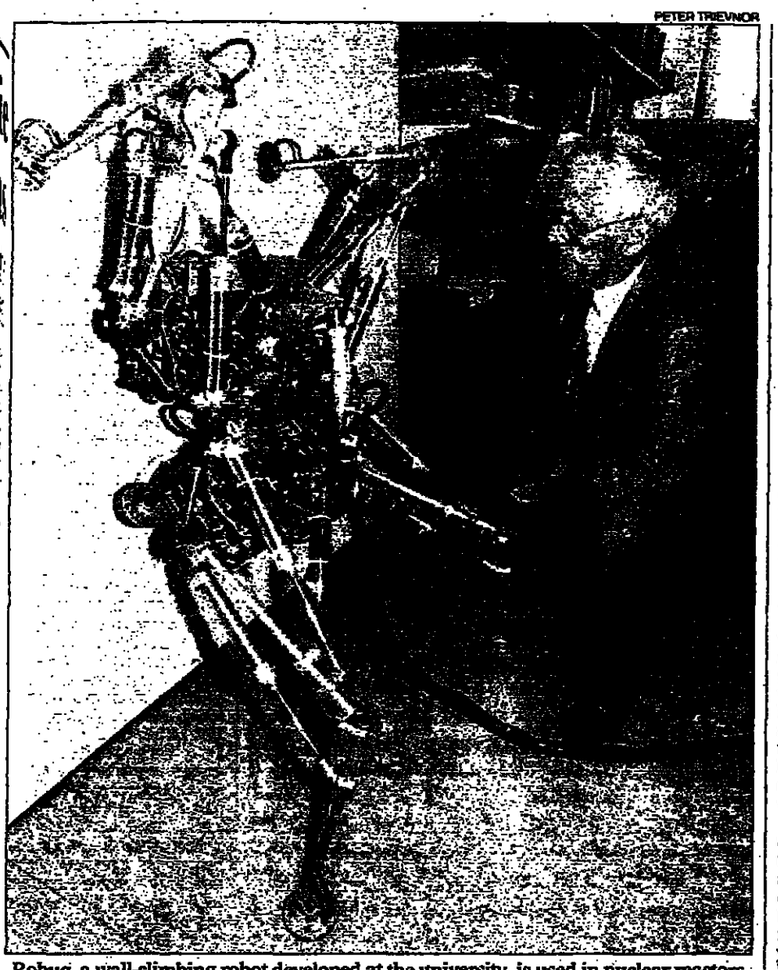
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Robug, a wall-climbing robot developed at the university, is used in nuclear reactors

Portsmouth University is delighted at its change of status, reports **John O'Leary**

Clearing all hurdles

Some former polytechnics appear almost embarrassed to be universities, stressing at every opportunity their commitment to an unchanging mission as teaching institutions. The University of Portsmouth has no such hangups.

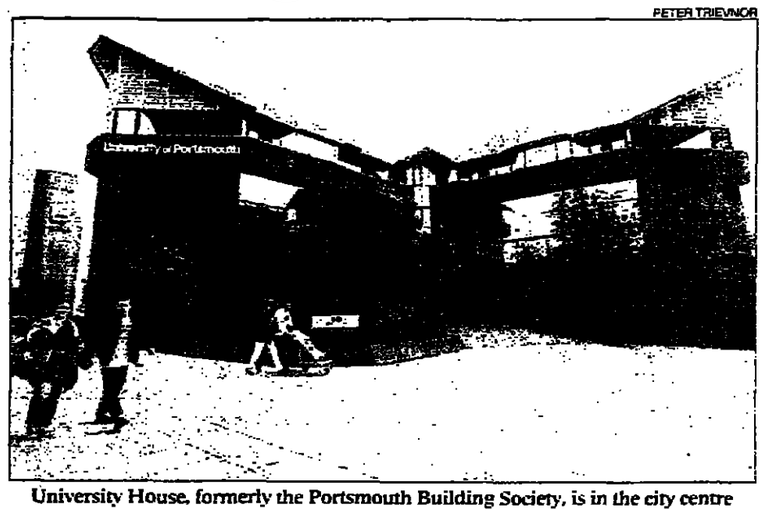
In its first year in the big league, Portsmouth did better out of the funding council's research rankings than any other newcomer, slowed the pace of expansion to preserve standards and embarked upon one of higher education's biggest building programmes. It has not been afraid to crow about its achievements.

Professor Neil Merritt, the vice-chancellor, says: "Portsmouth is perceived by its peer group as one of the new universities that is rising in the hierarchy, doing well by its research, teaching and curriculum development. We still have excellent interlock with employers and work closely with the city."

Perhaps the university has adapted more comfortably than others because it had always been open about its desire for a change of title. Degree courses have been running for more than 70 years, and omission from the list of new universities created in the 1960s rankled. It was considered no more than just deserts when university status finally arrived last year, to be celebrated with suitable pomp.

There are now more than 10,000 full-time students and 4,500 part-timers. Full-time enrolments are projected to rise to 15,000 by the turn of the century, securing Portsmouth's place in the top third of higher education institutions by size, without overstretching its facilities.

Professor Merritt, who arrived as the old polytechnic was about to become a university, says: "One of the first things I did here was to reduce the rate of growth because I felt it was too demanding for effective management. We are still growing, but at a modest pace compared with some."


PETER TRIEVNOR

University House, formerly the Portsmouth Building Society, is in the city centre

Indeed, for a time this autumn it looked as though expansion might have come to a premature end as Portsmouth encountered the difficulties faced by many of the new universities in clearing. As the new term began this week, however, arts and social science courses were full, and the shortfall in science and engineering was no bigger than usual. An intake of 600 engineers a year would represent a challenge to almost any university.

The new students will find big developments on the way, headed by two £11 million projects to provide new teaching accommodation on and near the university's central site. One building will house a new School of Pharmacy and Biomedical Science, while the other, designed by the prize-winning architect and Portsmouth professor, Sir Colin Stansfield-Smith, is for the School of Architecture and Land and Construction Management. Both are due to open in 1996.

The university is financing the two developments, and an ambitious scheme to increase the number of residential places, from its own resources and borrowing. New halls of residence are planned, mainly at the second of the three sites overlooking Langstone harbour, which already boasts a student village, to cater for the expansion in full-time places.

Such activity, particularly in the sensitive central area around the Guildhall, has tested the university's relationship with the city's hung council. One residential application was turned down, but the smooth progress of the rest speaks volumes for the atmosphere of co-operation that has grown up.

The university has literally been taking down fences to make itself more accessible to local people, and is engaged in a wide variety of locally based projects. A wholly-owned subsidiary specialising in training courses and research and development, often for companies in the Portsmouth area, had a turnover of £3 million, for example.

The thriving business school, which is located on the university's third site, at Milton, is also closely involved in the south coast economy. The city even funds a chair in the Local Economy Research Centre.

Local links will also be strengthened by the acquisition of the Portsmouth College of Art and Design, and the establishment of the Solent School of Nursing as a fully-fledged school of the university. With 125 staff and a budget of £10 million a year, nursing will have a substantial part to play in building up Portsmouth's activities in the field of health. Radiography has been captured from Southampton University, and proposals are being considered for an institute of postgraduate medicine to be launched within 18 months.

The other big academic development in the wind is the possibility of a law school. Ten staff already specialise in law in other parts of the university, such as the business school and the flourishing Institute of Police and Criminological Studies. They would form the nucleus of a new school, which could open in two years' time.

Portsmouth considers its library the best in the new universities. With 750,000 volumes in purpose-built premises and up-to-the-minute technology, it stands comparison with most of the traditional universities in an area that is of prime importance to students and academics.

The facilities for language teaching have also been rated among the best in Britain. One student in five takes a language course and two of the departments starred in Portsmouth's highly successful first foray into the funding council research rankings published last December. On the council's five-point scale of excellence, Russian scored four and Hispanic studies, three.

The exercise was the first to compare new and old universities' research strengths. Twenty-four of the 35 subject teams entered by Portsmouth were considered at least "of national excellence" in most areas.

Largely as a result of its successes in the rankings, the university's state funding leapt 16 per cent making more money available for teaching and research. The £2.3 million it is to receive this year for research is far in excess of anything it earned as a polytechnic.

The allocation is also the largest in the new universities, confirming Professor Merritt's view that Portsmouth will hold its own without difficulty in the expanded university sector across a number of academic areas.

Research teams working on anti-cancer drugs, fishery management, sewage treatment and DNA structures, have all won international recognition. There is no intention of reducing the emphasis placed on the institution's main business of teaching, but Portsmouth will compete in all aspects of life as a modern university.

Business buys high-tech skill

Expertise in high technology electronic skills is a welcome spin-off from the defence sector activity in Portsmouth. This and good communications with the Continent have attracted several major private sector employers into the area in the last couple of decades. The companies welcome the university as a source for new recruits: 70 per cent of graduates take employment in the local area. They also see the university as useful in providing expertise and advice, *Patricia Tisdall writes.*

Employers in the city include IBM (UK), which in the mid-1970s moved part of its London operation to new offices at North Harbour built on land reclaimed from the sea. IBM has joined Portsmouth University in developing a degree course combining in-house training and work experience with academic study.

Other multinational organisations include Zurich Insurance, which claims to be the second largest insurance company in Europe. Zurich has its UK head office in Portsmouth where it employs more than 800 people. The company is active in the local community, sponsoring language and travel programmes in conjunction with Portsmouth College. Zurich also led a campaign to improve traffic flow in the city.

Pall Europe, which makes high technology fluid filters for the nuclear, aerospace and medical industries has its European head office in the city. Pall considers the location ideal for exporting products to Spain and Portugal and via Le Havre to a distribution centre near Paris.

The private sector is also represented by Marconi Space and Defence, Portsea Island Co-op, British Telecom, P&O European Ferries and Ferranti.

In some ways the university has become a successor to the Royal Navy in stimulating technological advancement. Its graduates are skilled people, who are flexible in attitude and capable of taking a fresh look at old problems.

At least three quarters of the university's staff are engaged in outside research projects, helping to keep them up to date with advances. Many of the projects are co-ordinated through UPEL, a separate limited company whose annual turnover is approaching £3 million.

One of the most tangible results is Robug — a wall-climbing robot. A multi-limbed pneumatically controlled device designed by the Transtech division of UPEL, it can climb smooth or rough vertical surfaces and carry a load equivalent to its own weight and work in conditions hostile to humans. The Robug technology has been put to work by Nuclear Electric for use in nuclear power stations.

A long standing collaboration with Rolls-Royce involves the study of fatigue and fracture mechanics of aero-engine materials. This has resulted in the development of advanced test facilities and expertise in the mechanical behaviour laboratory.

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Tourist tide turns on nostalgia

The city has many attractions for visitors, including warships old and new. **Patricia Tisdall** reports

One of Portsmouth's surprises is its burgeoning tourist trade. The city council has worked hard during the past decade to market disparate elements of the city such as the genteel beach resort of Southsea and Nelson's flagship, the *Victory*, under the slogan "Flagship of Maritime England". Despite early scepticism, Portsmouth's tourist industry now attracts between three and four million visitors, and has generated many new jobs and improved the quality of life for the city's residents.

Visitors from all over the world come to see a city that has a long naval tradition. Others come to see the first division football club that has given the city its affectionate nickname of "Pompey".

Tourists in the Victorian and Edwardian era came to enjoy the warm climate and beautiful scenery created by shelter from the north by Portsdown Hill and the commanding views of the Solent, the Isle of Wight and the English Channel.

As is appropriate for the traditional home of Britain's Royal Navy, Portsmouth looks its best when approached by water.

Several large-scale events planned for 1994 are expected to tax the city's knack of combining ceremony with practical organisation. In June it is the host city for the fiftieth anniversary of the D-Day landings. Thousands of veterans from the United States, Canada and Australia and the rest of the United Kingdom, who took part in the 1944 invasion of France, and their relatives are expected in the city. There will be a religious service on the seafront, an RAF display, military parades and a VIP dinner.

The D-Day commemorations are expected to be attended by international heads of state including the presidents of the United States and France as well as the Queen and the prime minister. The spectacle will be enhanced by ships from all over the world, including the USS *Eisenhower* and *Britannia*, the royal yacht, as well as a strong contingent from the Navy.

Celebrated throughout the year will be the 800th anniversary of Portsmouth's first Royal Charter granted in 1194 by Richard Coeur de Lion, who also regarded the town as a point of embarkation for Normandy. In July, more than 800 cyclists will participate in a stage of the prestigious Tour de France race.

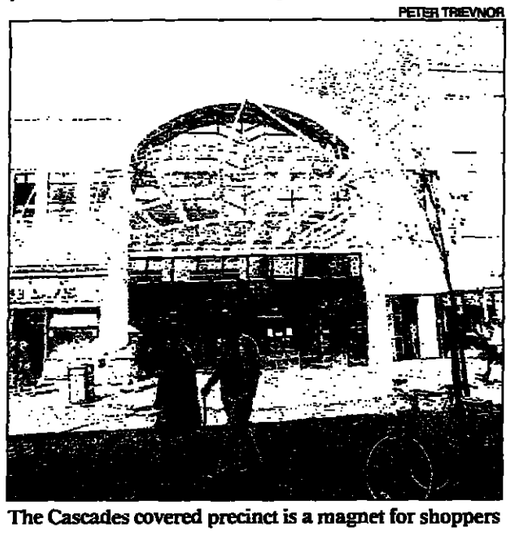
In tourism as in other areas, the university is working in partnership with the local authorities by offering its facilities out of term. Opening up 1,100 rooms of low-cost accommodation in its halls of residence has helped attract new customers, such as visiting cyclists and footballers, who also use the City's other facilities. The revenue makes a welcome contribution to the university's income.

Greatly improved motorway connections and the continental ferry port make Portsmouth an attractive venue for professional and business conference organisers. Amenities include the elegant 2,000 seat Guildhall in the city centre. The Cathedral of St Thomas of Canterbury also adds dignity to ceremonial occasions. The new nave completed in 1991 is intended to provide a focus of unity for the community and the cathedral is available for concerts, social events, and exhibitions. The provost, the Rev David Stancliffe, who is to be the new Bishop of Salisbury, was awarded an honorary degree by the university in July for his work for the university as well as for developing the liturgy of the Church of England.

The main attractions for visitors are the three historic ships clustered close to Portsmouth Harbour railway station. The ships embody several hundred years of naval history. The *Victory* was Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship in which he lost his life while winning the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 (Trafalgar day is still commemorated locally). The Royal Navy's first ironclad ship, *HMS Warrior*, which was commissioned in Portsmouth in 1861, was powered by steam and sail, and was the largest, fastest, most powerful ship of her day.

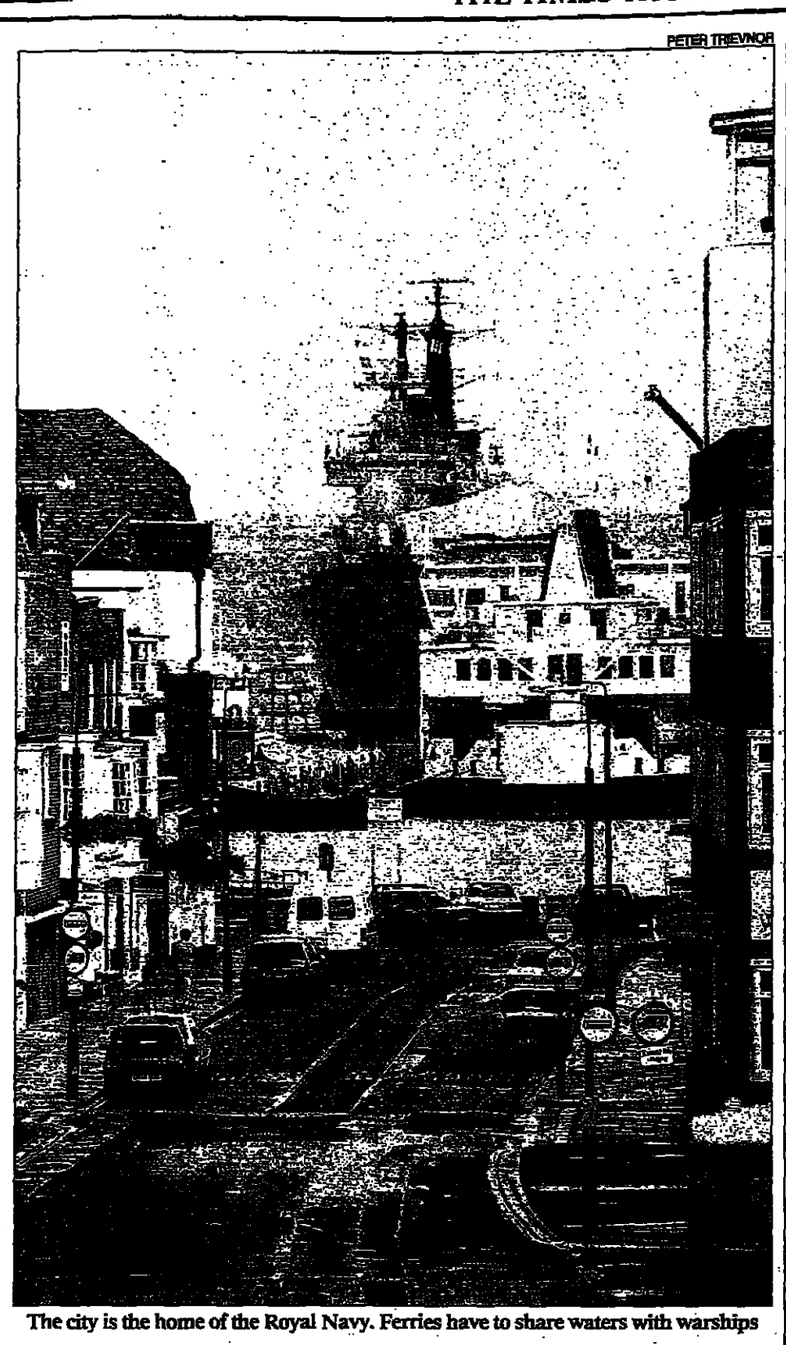
The *Mary Rose* is a monument to the dedication of a team of enthusiastic marine archeologists who raised the wreck from the bed of the Solent in 1982.

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The Cascades covered precinct is a magnet for shoppers

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The city is the home of the Royal Navy. Ferries have to share waters with warships

City's tight ship

Recession has hit the older defence industries hard

The strong defence connections of Portsmouth date from 897 when King Alfred formed a navy to counter the threat of Danish invasion. The city also played a key role during both world wars and more recently in the Falklands and Gulf conflicts. *Patricia Tisdall writes.*

With its bright, bustling atmosphere, the modern city has been likened to a "tight ship". It is typical, for example, that the city council should combine forces with the university and the Training and Enterprise Council (TEC) to form a defence diversification group whose aim is to seek new employment to replace jobs lost through defence cuts.

The group is concerned to help defence workers retain their skills, encourage companies to seek new markets, identify strategic growth areas and build on existing strengths. This includes the maritime heritage, which permeates the whole city from its weathervanes to the tall ships in the old harbour.

While its mood continues to be one of gallant resilience, the city's economy has been hit hard during the past four years. Dr Michael Asteris, principal lecturer in economics at the university, says that the recession combined with the contraction in naval and defence related work has created an unemployment black spot.

In June 1993 the unemployment rate for the Portsmouth area was 10.9 per cent. Although marginally higher than the national average of 10.1 per cent, this was more than double that of other parts of Hampshire such as Winchester and Eastleigh. Behind the statistics lies the social disruption caused by heads of households losing high-earning, full-time jobs.

Until recession hit, diversification away from near-total economic dependence on naval and defence related employment had been remarkably successful. Jobs lost through the closure of the naval dockyards in 1984 (some 25,000) were steadily being replaced in the Continental ferry port, the maritime heritage museum, the new Cascades covered shopping precinct, which opened in 1991, high-tech private companies and the university.

In 1989 an estimated 33 per cent of the city's employment was provided by the defence and defence-related industries. Now, Dr Asteris estimates, it has dropped to between 25 and 30 per cent. He describes much of the process as "structural change rather than structural decline" — aimed at making organisations more efficient.

This process has encouraged the generation of new types of service, data-processing and electronics businesses, previously inhibited by a shortage of skilled labour in the 1970s, to flourish.

A million square feet to run

The university markets its expertise in property to other organisations

New uses are being found for sites vacated by the Ministry of Defence and industrial users in Portsmouth. Naval buildings with waterfront coverage are being promoted as housing and leisure developments. A former gasworks is being transformed into warehouse and business units while a goods yard is zoned for mixed industrial and office use. *Patricia Tisdall writes.*

The sites are being marketed to property developers and agents by the Portsmouth Partnership, a collaborative venture that involves 40 local companies as well as the city and university. A free service is operated by Portsmouth city council to assist any person or company seeking premises or development sites. A computer database matches specific enquiries with details supplied by commercial estate agents.

City centre offices have been revitalised by the university. Its headquarters are sited in modern glass-fronted premises, formerly used by the Portsmouth Building Society, and renamed University House. The building, which was bought by the university with its own resources, is in a strategic location, linked by a pedestrian precinct to the city council offices and the Guildhall. The building houses the students' careers services as well as the administration departments.

The university is an important landowner. It has more than 70 acres and 40 buildings, comprising a total floor space of nearly 1 million sq ft which is valued at more than £120 million. It appreciates its presence in the centre of the city and is committed to ensuring that its estates are kept in good order and soundly maintained.

Authorisation has been given for £37 million to construct two new buildings for teaching departments, to refurbish existing buildings and to more than double the number of residential units. The university, which has its own property consultants, also uses its expertise to help other property owners through the Portsmouth Partnership.

The biggest of the industrial developments marketed by the partnership is the 34-acre complex owned by British Gas at the east side of Portsea Island. The first phase, to convert the area into a modern industrial park consisting of two buildings of 8,600 sq ft and 12,150 sq ft, has been completed and tenants found.

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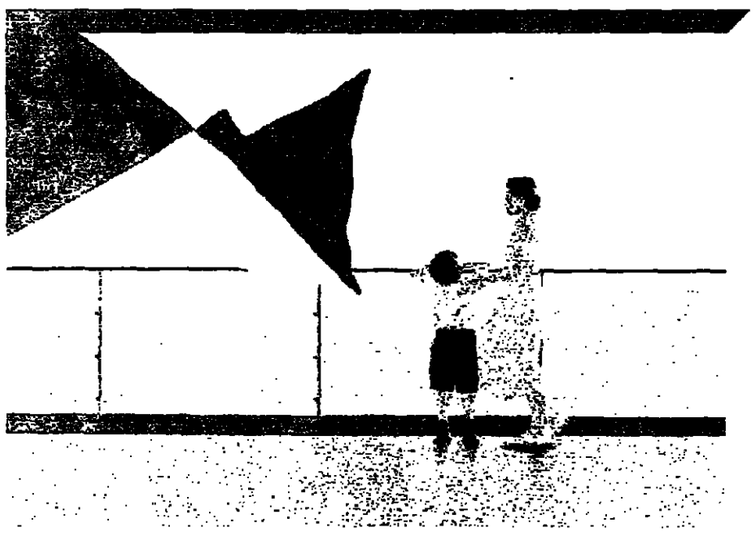
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Dundee United beaten in extra time by Danes in Uefa Cup first round

British clubs fall at Europe's first hurdle

BY OLIVER HOLT

BRITISH clubs looking for favourable omens as they went into last night's round of European action did not find any in the performances of their compatriots on Tuesday. On a bleak night for the celtic fringe, Cardiff City, Heart of Midlothian, Dundee United and Crusaders, from Belfast, were all eliminated from their respective competitions.

Dundee United came closest to making a second round appearance, wiping out a 2-0 deficit from the away leg of their Uefa Cup tie against the Danish side, Brondby, with second half goals at Tannadice from Billy McKinlay and Scott Crabbe and forcing the contest into extra-time.

Ironically, their hopes of progressing were ruined 25 seconds into the first period when Jesper Kristensen, a midfield player the Scots are hoping to sign and who had troubled the home goalkeeper Alan Main several times with long-range shots, scored with a superb 25-yard volley.

The Scottish team's manager, Ivan Golac, has made no secret of his admiration for Kristensen, who is a Denmark Under-21 international, and he had already hammered a 35-yard free kick against the crossbar mid-way through the first half to signal his intent.

John Clarke extended United's second-leg lead with a third goal one minute from the end of extra-time after Kristensen had put the tie out of reach and, with away goals counting double, the Danes went through.

Cardiff City could not produce even the hint of a comeback in the second leg of their Cup Winners' Cup tie against Standard Liège at Ninian Park. Trailing 5-2 from a first leg that saw three late goals from the Belgians and an outbreak of crowd violence, they went 3-0 down within 50 minutes despite a series of outstanding saves from their 18-year-old debutant goalkeeper, Steve Williams. Robbie James scored a late consolation goal for the Welshmen, who lost 8-3 on aggregate.

The Belgians' first goal came in the fourteenth minute when Marc Wilmots headed them into the lead from a corner. Mohammed Lashaf added a second before half-time and Roberto Bisconti, a full back, made it three after 50 minutes. James made Cardiff's solitary contribution 11 minutes later.

Of all the British clubs in action on Tuesday, Hearts seemed to have the best chance of progressing to the next round, although they only took a slender one goal advantage to the intimidating home of Atlético Madrid for the second leg of their Uefa Cup tie.

But the Spaniards wiped out the Edinburgh club's 2-1 advantage in the 35th minute when Pedro González scored from close range and then Manolo and Luis Garcia put the tie firmly out of Hearts' reach with two goals in four minutes in the latter stages of the match.

The former Norwich and Nottingham Forest player, Justin Fashanu, now making a career for himself in Scotland, after a spell with Airdrie at the end of last season, was shown the yellow card in the first half to deepen Hearts' woe. They can at least gain solace from the fact they have made more than £600,000 from the two matches.

In Switzerland, Crusaders could not repeat their feat of a fortnight earlier when they prevented Servette scoring and held them to a goalless draw. On Tuesday, they held out for 57 minutes before the floodgates opened and the Swiss scored four goals in six minutes. Da Silva, an own goal from Dunlop and two goals from Giallanza put paid to the Ulster club's hopes.

Clubs from south of the border did not fare any better. Bohemians conceded two goals in three minutes mid-way through the first half in Bordeaux as they plummeted to a 5-0 defeat, losing 6-0 on aggregate.

Juventus, the Uefa Cup-holders, reached the second round with a 1-0 victory over Lokomotiv Moscow in Russia. They held a 3-0 lead from the first leg in Italy.

TONY MARSHALL



Hirst, the England forward, who is expected to be lost to Sheffield Wednesday for up to three months

Spain cleared of allegations

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FIFA, the world governing body, yesterday dismissed allegations of irregularities in a World Cup qualifying match between Spain and Albania and said both sides had "behaved perfectly".

The Spanish football federation submitted a report to Fifa after national media claimed an agent had offered to arrange a Spanish victory over the underdogs, Albania, in the match in Tirana on September 22.

Spain won the match 5-1 to stay in the running for next year's World Cup finals in the United States. "Fifa has reached the conclusion that there are no grounds for investigating the matter further because both the Albanian and Spanish federations had behaved perfectedly," a statement from the Fifa headquarters in Zurich said. Joseph Blatter, the Fifa general secretary, criticised Spanish media reporters "who had cast doubts on the two national associations affiliated to Fifa and consequently the credibility of Fifa's World Cup".

Fifa is especially sensitive about match-rigging allegations in the wake of the Marseilles bribery scandal. On Monday, Fifa and its European counterpart, Uefa, imposed a worldwide ban on Marseilles and barred the European champions from taking part in the prestigious Super Cup and Intercontinental Cup.

The French government said yesterday that a new stadium to host the 1998 World Cup final would be built in St Denis, just outside Paris. Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, ended months of argument over the site of the 80,000-seat stadium for the showpiece event by choosing St Denis, pending an agreement with the local authorities on the financing of the project.

Newcastle United have decided against making an offer for the Brondby centre back, Marc Rieper, after the Newcastle manager, Kevin Keegan, watched the Denmark international play against Dundee United on Tuesday night.

Keegan said: "He was worth a look and he's a decent player, but he's not the sort who would fit in with our style of play."

Brian Kilcline, the Newcastle captain, who was placed on the transfer list by mutual consent, has turned down a move to Oxford United. Keegan said today that Kilcline felt that, geographically, the move would not be a good one for him.

Hirst must have operation

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DAVID Hirst, the Sheffield Wednesday and England forward, is to have an operation on an Achilles tendon injury and could be out of football for up to three months. The injury has caused Hirst to miss half Wednesday's ten matches this season and Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, described the news as "a major blow".

Francis said: "We had been guided that treatment and rest would cure the problem and an operation was not necessary. But the problem has dragged on and we took a second opinion. The outcome is he will have to be operated on."

Francis confirmed that Hirst, 25, would miss Wednesday's sell-out meeting with Manchester United in three days' time. "We don't want to waste any time, we want to get it done," he said.

Hirst, who has won three England caps, played in Wednesday's opening four matches of the season but has played in only one of the past six.

Wolverhampton Wanderers have decided not to appeal against the three-match FA suspension imposed on Steve Bull. The club had considered protesting against the punishment after Bull was found guilty of misconduct for striking Mel Pejic, the Wrexham defender.

Fred Reacher, the Nottingham Forest chairman, has decided not to cut short his holiday in Cyprus despite the mounting controversy surrounding the club. Reacher plans to spend another week at his family's holiday home. He is not expected to return until next Thursday.

On Tuesday, three Forest shareholders, including former director, Chris Wooton, revealed plans to call a vote of no confidence in the club's board of directors in the wake of the *World in Action* television programme which implicated former manager, Brian Clough, in a ticket scandal.

"I am in touch with the club and well aware of what is going on," Reacher said. "The man I feel sorry for is our manager, Frank Clark. He has inherited a situation at the club that has got nothing at all to do with him. He is trying to win matches with ten players out through injury and has got enough problems on his plate without all the mud-slinging that is going on to discredit the name of Nottingham Forest.

"But I am sure that in time, when the real truth comes out, we will be able to settle down, and Frank will lead us into a new era of success."

European Olympic campaign criticised by auditors

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

The European Commission grossly exaggerated the effect of its advertising campaign at the Albertville and Barcelona Olympic Games, and wasted millions of pounds in taxpayers' money in a fruitless attempt to make athletes "European", the European Community (EC) financial watchdog has concluded.

The Commission spent nearly £8 million helping finance the opening ceremonies of the games, and a further £3.2 million using Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising company, to promote the message of "Europe 1992". At Albertville, thousands of pounds were spent choreographing ice dancers dressed up as the 12 stars of the EC flag, and in Barcelona an attempt was made to give the blue of Europe as much prominence as the red and yellow of Spain.

In a draft copy of the EC Court of Auditors annual report leaked to *The Times*, the Luxembourg-based institution accuses the Commission of being "excessive" in its estimation that 500 million television viewers received the European message when they watched the opening ceremony at Barcelona. "The time during which information which obviously referred to the Community was minimal," the auditors conclude.

"The Commission's appraisal does not mention another inherent weakness in the Community presence at the opening ceremony. The fact is... the Olympic Charter does not permit any overtly political demonstration." The Commission's generosity was such that it paid for 33 per cent of the Albertville ceremony and 45 per cent of the Barcelona opening.

The auditors note that 25 per cent of the Commission's ideas were abandoned and, conversely, spending in some areas far exceeded budgets. VIP wining and dining, for example, cost not the £70,000 intended but £231,000.

Lucien Boyer, the chairman of Saatchi's "Lifestyle Marketing Group" that worked with the Commission, rejected the findings of the report yesterday. Speaking from his Paris office, Boyer said: "I don't understand why finance people can judge a communications effort."

He said the group felt both Games projects were "total successes". He said the 12-starred ice dance in Albertville had helped make the French choreographer, Philippe Decufle, "very famous" and that in Barcelona "we delocalised the Olympics with images of Europe. All Europeans had the sense that they were welcoming the Olympics, not just the Catalans".

In Brussels, Commission sports officials admitted that mistakes had been made. "Let me say that in four years here the Olympic Games were not perhaps the most fantastic thing," one said. "We are happy that in the next four years there won't be another Olympics in the EC."

World Cup security assured by S African committee

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LOUIS Luyt, a member of the executive of the South African Rugby Football Union, said yesterday that he was confident that the 1995 rugby World Cup would be awarded to his country.

Luyt, who is also president of the Transvaal provincial rugby union, rejected speculation that the World Cup organising committee was looking at alternative venues because of violence in South Africa.

"Marcel Martin has already signed the contract and we are just waiting for [fellow World Cup committee director] Sir Ewart Bell to do likewise," Luyt said. "They have no doubt that this weekend's meeting in the Isle of Man will guarantee the event for South Africa."

Martin, who heads the commercial arm of the World Cup operation, had been quoted by *The Times* as saying he thought the South African union would agree to scrap the deal "if the circumstances require it".

Luyt was also critical of comments by the England coach, Dick Best, in a magazine article, in which he voiced his concern over security following a visit to South Africa in July. "President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela both gave commitments on security when the World Cup committee visited in June," he said. "But England equally cannot deny the possibility of terrorist intervention if they were to host the event."

Luyt said he believed that South Africa had no serious rivals when it came to financing the competition. "If you take the World Cup away from South Africa you can halve the profits overnight," he said. "We can guarantee that if the World Cup comes to our country it will be properly run. "The last tournament lost £5 million before it had begun due to the collapse of the Keith Prowse ticket agency. We will ensure that is not repeated. We have learnt from the mistakes made in 1991 and we can turn disaster into triumph."

The Australian party Sydney yesterday for North America and France on a tour designed to gauge their chances of successfully defending the World Cup in 1995. The six-week trip will be the Wallabies' final tour overseas before putting the Cup on the line in South Africa.

With a relatively low-key domestic international programme in 1994 against Ireland, Italy and Western Samoa, spiced by a Bledisloe Cup match against New Zealand, Bob Dwyer, the Australia coach, will use the tour to experiment.

The loss of Tim Kelaher and Willie Ofahengaue to illness and injury and doubts over the fitness of the hooker, Phil Kearns, and Dan Crowley, the prop, follow a season that produced more questions than answers in domestic rugby.

The Wallabies have never won a two-match series in France, and they will meet several powerful French sides between the internationals.

Daly will prove big hit at Wentworth

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Daly, the big-hitting American, will make his first appearance in the Toyota World Match Play Championship at Wentworth from October 21 to 24.

Daly is the biggest draw in the sport today. Watch him reach the first hole with a drive and a mid-iron. Can he reduce Wentworth's famous and feared finishing holes, which together total more than a kilometre, to a pair of booming drives and accurate irons?

In all the excitement about the length of Daly's game, it is sometimes overlooked that he has become an exceptionally good golfer. He has a surprisingly deft touch to accompany his enormous hitting and is a craftsman with a wedge around the greens.

His style of play is ideally suited to matchplay. He is by nature a free spirit, whose instinct is, as his famous slogan has it, to "grip it and rip it". This is easier in matchplay, when the penalty is, at most, a lost hole than in strokeplay, where every stroke has to be dutifully recorded. Daly could be a sensation at matchplay.

He will join 11 other competitors at Wentworth, which include Nick Faldo, the champion, and Severiano Ballesteros and Ian Woosnam, both past winners. Corey Pavin, Bernhard Langer and Colin Montgomerie, who competed in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry last weekend, are also taking part.

Rivalling Daly in popularity will be Peter Baker, the young Midlander who played so well on his debut in the Ryder Cup. He and Daly have similar attributes. They are young, strong and fearless and while Daly is yards longer than Baker, he is not as good a putter.

Nick Price, David Frost, Steve Elkington and Yoshinori Mizumaki complete the field, which will contain three of the first four and five of the top ten players in the world rankings.

The championship always adds lustre to the drabness of autumn golf. It is almost the last event of the year in Britain and thus the last chance to see Faldo, Ballesteros and Woosnam in action.

It also has the added attraction of being matchplay, a welcome change from the run of 72-hole strokeplay events.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 3, Florida 2; Philadelphia 10, Pittsburgh 7, Houston 5, Atlanta 2; New York 6, St Louis 1, San Diego 11, Cincinnati 4; Los Angeles 6, Chicago 5; San Francisco 6, Colorado 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 11, Detroit 6 and 6-7, Baltimore 9, New York 1; Toronto 6, Milwaukee 4; Seattle 5, Chicago 2; Minnesota 2, California 1; Cleveland 3, Kansas City 1, Texas 2, Oakland 0 and 3-10

CYCLING

PERTH, Australia: World junior championships: 10km time-trial: 1, M Scheurer (Ger), 1min 5.944sec; 2, B Guerrero (Sp), 1.07 855; 3, S Morelon (Fr), 1:07 866. Individual pursuit: Semi-finals: Christian Blanchini (It) 3:28.558 bt W Perez (Arg) 3:29.284; Bradley McGee (Aus) 3:26.482 bt T Rund (Ger), 3:27.713.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: First round, second leg: Betar Jerusalem 2, Lech Poznan (Pol) 4 (agg: 2-7); Floriana (Malta) 0, Porto 0 (agg: 0-2).

UEFA Cup: First round, second leg: Lokomotiv Plovdiv (Bul) 0, Lazio 2 (agg: 0-4); Ofi Crete 1, Slavia Prague 0 (agg: 2-1); Branik Maribor (Slovenia) 2, Gloria Bistrita (Rom) 0 (agg: 2-0), Kongsvinger (Nor) 4, Osters Vaxjo (Swe) 1 (agg: 7-2)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Molesey v St Albans.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Luton 4, Oxford Utd 3.

League Cup: Cardiff 0, Birmingham 3.

BOODLE AND DUNTHORNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CUP: First round: John Lyon 2, Bradfield 4, Shrewsbury 5, KES Witley 0.

Late results on Tuesday

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, second leg: Cardiff 1, Standard Liège 3 (agg: 3-8).

UEFA CUP: First round, second leg: Atlético Madrid 3, Heart of Midlothian 0 (agg: 4-2); Bordeaux 5, Bohemians 0 (agg: 6-0), Dundee United 3, Brondby 2 (aet; agg: 3-3, Brondby win on away goals), Servette 4, Crusaders 0 (agg: 4-0)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Sunderland 2, Grimsby 2.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: First round: Blackpool 1, Chester 2; Carlisle 2, Preston 0; Fulham 4, Brighton 1; Gillingham 0, Colchester 0; Hartlepool 1, Darlington 1, Hereford 1, Walsall 0; Huddersfield 3, Doncaster 1, Lincoln 1, Mansfield 0; Plymouth 1, Swansea 3; Stockport 2, Wigan 0; Torquay 0, Bristol Rovers 1; Wrexham 3, Shrewsbury 1; Wycombe 1, Barnet 0.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 0, Welling 0; Stumport 1, Gateshead 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Ayr 2, Morton 2; Dumbarton 0, Alloa 1; Stirling 0, Clydebank 3, St Mirren 2, Brechin 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich 0, Sutton United 3; Enfield 0, Hitchin 3; Hendon 5, Yeading 2; Wokingham 0, Carshalton 4. First division: Barking 3, Staines 2; Billericay 3, Welton and Hersham 1; Leyton 1, Boreham Wood 1, Wembley 4, Abingdon Town 5. Second division: Egham 1, Leatherhead 1, Newbury 3, Edgware 1; Saffron Walden 2, Aldershot Town 2, Tilbury 0, Hampton 2; Ware 2, Malden Vale 1; Witham 1, Thame 2. Postponed: Banstead v Hungerford. Third division: Camberley 1, Kingsbury 1, Hertford 0, Royston 2; Horsham 1, Hornchurch 1, Leighton 1, Harlow 3, Southall 1, Northwood 2 League Cup: First round: Berkhamsted 1, Chesham 4.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton 0, Boston United 1, Morecambe 0, Whitley Bay 0. First division: Bamber Bridge 0, Lancaster 3, Goole Town 1, Marsley 3, Netherfield 0, Warrington 0. League Cup: Qualifying round: Radcliffe 1, Curzon Ashton 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Dr Martens Cup: First Round, first leg: Gloucester 2 Witney 1; Weston-super-Mare 3, Cheltenham Town 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 2, Bolton 1; Everton 3, Sheffield Wednesday 3; Notts County 1, Leicester 1; Sheffield Utd 3, Derby 3. Second division: Bradford 1, Port Vale 1, Oldham 0, Manchester City 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 0, Swindon 3; Crystal Palace 0, Wimbledon 2.

CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Atherton LR 4, Prescot 0, Bacup Borough 0, St Helens 4, Maine Road 1, Nantwich 0; Newcastle Town 4, Glossop NE 5, Shetmersdale 6, Bradford Park Avenue 0

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss 5, Watton 0; Fakenham 2, Wisbech 1; Haverhill 1, Harwich and Parkeston 0; March Town 1, Histon 1, Newmarket 0; Cornard 4, Norwich United 1, Gorleston 0; Tiptree 3, Felixstowe 1. Postponed: Wroxham v Stowmarket.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Elmore 1, Torrington 2.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ardingly 5, Charterhouse 1; Forest 3, Lancing 0; Boodle and Dunthorne Independent Schools Cup First round: Malvern 2, Leymer Upper 1; Wellingborough 2, Westminster 1 (aet)

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Exeter 14, Bedwas 38, Pontypridd 46, Maesteg 25, Wasps 34, Richmond 0; Blackwood 36, Llanharan 12; Cambridge University 20, St Mary's Hospital 20.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Exeter Coll 5, Truro 25, Harrow 17, Oundle 16; Perse 9, Royal Hospital 10; Stowe 29, Royal Latin 8, Langley Park 55, Haberdashers' Aske's, Hatcham 7, Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree 26, Merchant Taylors', Northwood 0, Wellington (Somerset) 19, Taunton 6, Llandovery 39, Gresham 0, Blestmere 8, Ryde 3, Bloxham 16, Warwick 11; Exeter 13, Kingsbridge 3, Exeter 22, Torquay 6, Exeter 10, Kelly 20; Exeter 20, Exeter Coll 13. Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: Preliminary round: Guernsey 17, St Benedict's, Ealing, 22. First round: Chichester HS 60, St John's, Southsea 3. Second round: John Hampden 0, Windsor 32.

TENNIS

BRACKNELL: LTA satellite tournament: Men: First round: T Henman (Oxford) bt J Delgado (Warwicks), 6-0, 6-3; N Begin (Chesnaye) bt R Eriksson (Swe), 6-3, 7-5; P Hand (Berks) bt N Weal (Herts), 6-1, 7-5; S Della-Piana (Switz) bt G Mandl (Aus), 7-6, 6-3; B Cowan (Lancs) bt J Shar (SA), 6-2, 6-2; B Gyetko (Can) bt G Henderson (Yorks), 7-6, 6-7, 6-3; M Maclagan (Scot) bt R Matheson (Scot), 7-5, 6-2; S Herdoza (US) bt J Fox (Lincs), 6-1, 7-5; S Stewart (US) bt S Scavio (It), 6-4, 6-2; D Ward (Kent) bt G Saffery (Berks), 6-3, 6-4; L Milligan (Middx) bt J Zimmerman (US), 6-2, 6-3; P Langvardt (Den) bt L Manta (Switz), 6-2, 6-4; I Herzperodt (Ger) bt J Hunter (Surrey), 6-3, 6-0; P Wright (Devon) bt A Colvin (Middx), 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; M Wyeth (Surrey) bt H Losch (SA), 6-3, 6-2, D Sapsford bt F Schweikart (Ger), 6-0, 6-1. Second round: Henman bt Begtin, 6-4, 6-2; Gyetko bt Della-Piana, 6-1, 6-3; Herdoza bt Maclagan, 6-2, 6-1.

Women: First round: S Parkhomenko (Rus) bt K Louthan (USA), 6-4, 6-0; K Hand (Berks) bt K Warne-Holland (Cheshire), 6-3, 6-1; S Siddall (Dorset) bt S Nicholson (Ire), 6-2, 6-2; L Woodroffe (Surrey) bt M Maw (Scot) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; C Herbert (Herts) bt C Hunt (Dorset), 6-4, 6-1; J Pullin (Sussex) bt N Jarlan (Fr), 6-2, 6-1; C Hall (Dorset) bt E Jelfs (Oxford) 1-6, 6-3, 7-6; R Volkerts (Holl) bt M Hughes (N Wales), 6-2, 6-3; L Ahl (Devon) bt S Tse (IoM), 7-6, 6-4. Second round: Pullin bt Herbert, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; T Jecmenica (Yug) bt A Smith (Staffs), 6-2, 6-0.

SAPPORO, Japan: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): R Hiraki (Japan) bt H Cioffi, 6-1, 6-1; K Nagasuka (Japan) bt C MacGregor, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; B Bowes bt T Price (SA), 6-4, 6-4; M Wardell bt C Rubin, 6-2, 6-0; M Endo (Japan) bt C Wegink (Holl), 6-2, 6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bt A Sugiyama (Japan), 7-5, 6-1; L Raymond bt D Faber, 6-7, 6-1, 6-1; L Harvey-Wild bt P Sung-hee (S Kor) 6-0, 6-2

KUALA LUMPUR: Men's tournament: Second round: B Steven (NZ) bt C Chang (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; G Stafford (SA) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-4, 6-0; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt H Holm (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt R Ramachandran (Mal), 6-0, 6-0; M Chang (US) bt T Yamamoto (Japan), 7-5, 6-2; W Masur (Aus) bt S Bryan (US), 6-4, 6-4

BASLE: Men's tournament: First round: A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Stark (US), 7-6, 6-3; J Tarango (US) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ), 6-4, 6-2, J Siemerink (Holl) bt I Lendl (US) 7-5, 7-6; M Rossel (Switz) bt A Chesnakov (Russ), 6-0, 6-2; G Raoux (Fr) bt K Carlsen (Den), 7-5, 6-3; R Gilbert (Fr) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 7-5, 6-2

PALERMO, Sicily: Men's tournament: First round: F Fontang (Fr) bt F Davin (Arg) 6-7, 7-6, 7-6; J Gilbert (Sp) bt A Betasaegue (Sp), 4-6, 6-2, 7-6; C Costa (Sp) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; D Vacek (Cz) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 7-6, 6-2; F Sanchez (Sp) bt E Sanchez (Sp) 4-6 6-3 6-2; R Furlan (It) bt J Oncins (Bra), 6-4, 7-5

LEIPZIG: Women's tournament: First round: S Graf (Ger) bt S Schmidle (Ger), 6-1, 6-0; A Simadova (Cz) bt M Drake (Can), 6-4 6-1; J Novotna (Cz) bt M Oremans (Holl), 6-7, 6-1, 6-1; W Probst (Ger) bt N Feber (Bel), 6-2, 7-5



Siddall: first-round winner at Bracknell

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: York v Aston Villa (7.0). Second division: Grimsby v Mansfield (7.0), Stoke v Hull (7.0); West Bromwich v Middlesbrough (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European championship: Second preliminary round: First leg: Guildford Kings v Hapoel Elyon (Isr) (at Guildford Spectrum, 8.0).

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ABACINATION

(b) The action of blinding by placing hot irons, or metal plates, in front of the eyes, from the medieval Latin *abacinare*, Italian *abbacinare*, from *ab* + *bacinus* a cup: "Rendered the delinquent liable to abacination — blinding by means of red-hot irons held before the eyes."

BONGRE

(c) With good will, agreeably, adapted from the French *bon gré*, for *de bon gré* of good will, in adverbial phrase *bon gré mal gré* willingly or unwillingly, *cf. maugre*; 1598: "His service is not took bongre."

TELEARCH

(a) The title of a magistrate in ancient Thebes, adapted from the Greek *telos* office + *archein* to rule: "At Thebes the streets were under the inspection of the telearchs."

UMBO

(c) The boss of a shield, usually in or near the centre, and sometimes having a sharp point, from the Latin *umbo* shield-boss, knob, projection: "Many of the shields of the same period were made chiefly of wood and leather, with the central umbo of bronze."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

With 1 Bxg6! White garners a decisive pawn. If 1 ... fxg6 2 Rxf8+ Bxf8 3 Re8.

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Lions must prepare with home comforts



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

Last weekend the home unions committee sat down with the management of the 1993 British Isles touring team to discuss the final reports on the visit to New Zealand during the summer. There was some thin ice to be skated over, notably the apparent impasse midway through the tour between the home unions and Geoff Cooke, the manager, on what became known as the Wade Dooley affair.

Both sides agreed that it could have been better handled. Cooke, after all, was in New Zealand in one sense as a representative of the home unions, who had sent him there. In another he was representing his party of players who believed that Dooley, the England lock, should have been free to accept the invitation of the New Zealand union to return as a player after going home for the funeral of his father.

Mistakes were made on both sides, though it is my belief that the home unions did the Lions a favour by insisting that, as Dooley had already been replaced, his active role in the tour was over. The lock's form, at home and on tour, had been mixed and Martin Johnson, his young replacement, acquitted himself well in the second international against the All Blacks.

The Lions management put forward distinct views about the future. Any touring team that goes abroad seeks to do itself justice and the biggest argument against the continuation of the Lions is that conditions nowadays make them ill-equipped to do so. New Zealanders and South Africans are overjoyed to see them, and equally happy to beat them, so if British players are to continue to tour abroad in this guise they should be well-armed to win.

Lack of continuity and shorter tours make this almost impossible. The Lions have to find their feet in one brief weekend at home and a week of preparation overseas. The styles of four countries must be drawn together as a homogeneous whole against the hardest opponents the New Zealand and South African unions can suggest.

There is no comparison between the All Blacks' schedule on their tour of England and Scotland and what the Lions faced in the summer. Apart from the New Zealand Maoris and the All Blacks themselves, the Lions played well-prepared provincial teams; in England and Scotland, outside the internationals the All Blacks will play divisional sides who have enjoyed no sustained preparation, or national development teams, which are essentially one-off combinations, and the Combined Services.

Ian McGeechan, the Lions coach, put forward some succinct opinions about playing styles and refereeing, but he also suggested that when the Lions convene again in 1997, to visit South Africa, more thought should go into the preparation. If McGeechan's views are accepted, that tour will start later in the summer and the home unions will put aside a series of training weekends, at the expense of their domestic programme for that year, after the party is announced.

McGeechan would not be averse, I imagine, to seeing potential Lions playing together at home. That would be a difficult exercise as it would be relevant only in the season prior to a tour but the juxtaposition of the home unions meeting with a Barbarians fixture at Exeter this week suggests how warm-up matches might be contrived.

The Barbarians were amenable 20 years ago in gathering together the bulk of the 1971 Lions to play in their colours at Cardiff against New Zealand in a match that turned out to be a classic. They might be persuaded to play such a role again, on a more specific basis. These are changing times for the Barbarians, with only their Christmas fixture against Leicester retaining the popularity which once adorned the Easter tour to Wales and the Mobbs memorial match.

Yet they are still appreciated, notably when they visit clubs such as Exeter, where a magnificent crowd turned out, or when they tour abroad. Might not they devote themselves to a broader cause in a Lions year and offer their late-season fixtures to the Lions management, regardless of whose colours the team played under?

Corinthian of rare gifts and sharp wit

Andrew Longmore joins those who came to pay tribute to James Hunt yesterday



DES JENSON

Murray Walker, the inimitable motor racing commentator, joins the crowd outside the Church of St James in Piccadilly

There were as many memories of James Hunt as there were people wanting to pay respect to him one last time yesterday. The Church of St James in Piccadilly was full for a service of memorial to Hunt, who died in June at the age of 45, and every member of the congregation, said Murray Walker, for 13 years the straight man to Hunt's laconic jester on BBC television's *Grand Prix*, would have a story to tell or a vision to recall.

Of Hunt walking the golf course at Sunningdale in jeans and T-shirt, escorted by his faithful dog Oscar and oblivious to the dress code and the horror of his elders. Of Hunt making his debut as a television summariser, lying on the floor with his leg in plaster and giving a succinct opinion on a non-descript Formula 5,000 race at Silverstone — "What a load of rubbish that was." Both on the track and in the studio, bluntness was not the least of his qualities.

Of Hunt the Wellington schoolboy, who already displayed a gift for sport and nonconformity, refusing to join in the vigorous training schedule of the cross country team but winning all the races anyway. The nonchalance remained a trademark throughout his Formula One career.

"He was part Corinthian Casual, part anarchist," Lord Hesketh, owner of the team which gave Hunt his chance in Formula One, said, "but he represented something very English." His many thousands of supporters thought so too.

Those inside motor racing knew Hunt as a driver of immense natural talent, who had an old-fashioned belief that ability would conquer all. In Hunt's case, it did when he won the world championship in 1976 by just one point from Niki Lauda on a sodden, treacherous day in Japan.

"He wasn't a hard worker, that's for sure. He was bored by testing. Useless at it. He just wanted to race," Alastair Caldwell, the manager of the McLaren team in 1976, said. "He was quick without much effort. It came so easily to him."

Yet the attitude — some might call it arrogance — bred suspicion in those who had to work harder and play less vigorously than the handsome Englishman. There were few drivers of Hunt's vintage at the service yesterday — John Watson was the exception — while both Innes Ireland and Stirling Moss represented the previous generation.

"He was a man of wit, intelligence and unparalleled stubbornness," Moss said. "He was no saint, but he made an enormous contribution to the sport as a driver and by bringing a dimension to televised motor racing not seen before. His pithy comments brought thousands of extra followers to motor racing."

Until his sudden retirement in 1979, Hunt kept the playboy "Hunt the shunt" tag that had been hung on him during the first heady days of success with the Hesketh team in the early seventies. Few could keep up with the pace he set both on or off the track. Money and women came and went.

Hunt did little to discourage the reputation for good-living, but neither did he enjoy the high profile and the lack of privacy it prompted. "Beneath it all, he was a very private man," Walker said. "He couldn't stand being a human honeypot. He didn't like the ceaseless adulation, though he would always find the time to chat with enthusiasts. He was very self-effacing."

Since 1980, Walker and Hunt had become one of the great television double acts, the former's deafening enthusiasm a perfect foil for Hunt's wicked and low-key analysis. There was no flannel with Hunt. He said what he meant and, as Walker recalled, was not frightened of justifying himself to the driver he had criticised.

"He was calm, authoritative and witty," Walker said. "He made sense of a complicated sport and that added so much to people's enjoyment. He didn't think or act like other people, but he had the presence and the charm to get away with it. Forty five years of James Hunt's life brought the same enjoyment as 90 of everyone else's."

SPORTS BRIEFS

McLaren hoping to lure Schumacher

RON Dennis, the owner of the McLaren Formula One motor racing team, is believed to have bid for Benetton's leading driver, Michael Schumacher, in the wake of Ayrton Senna's announcement that he will leave the team at the end of the season (Oliver Holt writes).

Dennis is keen to sign a big-name driver to placate executives at McLaren's main sponsor, Phillip Morris, the parent company of Marlboro, who are known to be upset with him after off-the-record comments he made about Senna's financial demands were leaked in Brazil and which prompted the driver's announcement. Senna is expected to join Damon Hill at Williams next season.

"The sum he is offering Schumacher is unbelievable," a fellow team owner said yesterday. Dennis was unavailable for comment.

Back to business

GOLF: Eight players who took part in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry last weekend will be competing in the German Masters, which starts in Stuttgart tomorrow. Six of the beaten European team — Severiano Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer, José María Olazábal, Peter Baker, Barry Lane and Costantino Rocca — are joined by Chip Beck and Tom Kite from the victorious United States side, plus Tom Watson, their non-playing captain. Ballesteros said it would be difficult to return to tournament golf after the drama of The Belfry. "I feel a little flat, a little down," he said.

Duel scheduled

YACHTING: The world's biggest multihull, the 92ft catamaran, Enza New Zealand, skippered by Peter Blake and Robin Knox-Johnston, is to take part in a round-the-world "duel" next year. Enza, holed when ahead of schedule to beat Jules Verne's mythical 80-day barrier earlier this year, will face a 90ft trimaran skippered by Olivier de Kersanson, of France. The craft will assemble at Brest, northern France, by January 4. The rules for the race are simple: one-on-one, west-to-east leaving the three great capes, Good Hope, Leeuwin and The Horn, to port.

Kings out to conquer

BASKETBALL: Guildford Kings take on Hapoel Galil Elyon, the first club to deny Maccabi Tel Aviv the Israeli league championship for 26 years, in the first leg of their European clubs' championship second preliminary round tie at the Spectrum Arena tonight. A lucrative television contract in the final pools of the competition awaits the winners, and for Guildford, still without a sponsor, the perils of failure are obvious. "If we play good defence, we can get the job done," Kevin Cadle, the Kings coach, said.

Sponsors step in

SNOOKER: Skoda is the new sponsor of the grand prix tournament to be staged at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading next month. The event, formerly backed by Rothmans, will be known as the New Skoda Grand Prix, with a prize fund of £325,000. The world's leading 32 players receive automatic entry to the final stages, where they join 32 qualifiers. The BBC will televise the final nine days, from October 23 to 31. Jimmy White, of England, is the defending champion.

Whitakers switch

EQUESTRIANISM: Michael Whitaker has displaced his elder brother, John, as the world's No 1 show jumper in the latest BCM riders' rankings. Michael, 33, has 4,851 points, won over a 12-month period from last September, and leads John by 182 points, with Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, third. Britain's other leading rider, Nick Skelton, is in sixth position.

LEADING RANKINGS: 1, M Whitaker (GB), 4,851.1pts; 2, J Whitaker (GB), 4,569.3; 3, L Beerbaum (Ger), 3,615.9.

College backs Syed

TABLE TENNIS: Balliol College, Oxford, is to allow Matthew Syed to extend the final year of his course in politics, philosophy and economics over two years. This should boost his chances of playing well for England and in the European championships at Birmingham this season, and of achieving, in 1995, his ambition of a first-class degree. The student, from Reading, last week underlined his promise by winning 28 matches without lossto capture the Sears International invitation title in Chicago.

Phillies gallop to place in play-offs

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

HARD-hitting Mariano Duncan and Len Dykstra led with their bats as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 10-7 on Tuesday to win the National League East division baseball championship. Duncan hit a grand slam and Dykstra had four hits and three runs batted in as the Phillies claimed their first title in ten years.

Philadelphia will open the best-of-seven league championship series next Wednesday against the winners of the West division, in which the Atlanta Braves and the San Francisco Giants share first place with five games to play. The league winners will advance to the World Series.

In the American League, Bo Jackson hit a three-run home run against Seattle on Monday, lifting the Chicago White Sox to a 4-2 victory and the West championship. Chicago depend on excellent starting pitching, solid defence and the batting of Frank Thomas.

The Toronto Blue Jays, who clinched the East on Monday with a 2-0 victory at Milwaukee, won the World Series last year. Their strengths are speed, high-percentage hitting and play-off experience.

PLAY-OFF FIXTURES (best of seven games): League championship series: National: Philadelphia Phillies v West division winners Game one: Wednesday, Oct 6, at Philadelphia. Game two: Thursday, Oct 7, at Philadelphia. Game three: Saturday, Oct 9, at West; Game four: Sunday, Oct 10; at West, Game five*: Monday, Oct 11, at West. Game six*: Wednesday, Oct 13 at Philadelphia; Game seven*: Thursday, Oct 14 at Philadelphia.

American: Chicago White Sox v Toronto Blue Jays: Game one: Tuesday, Oct 5 at Chicago; Game two: Wednesday, October 6 at Chicago, Game three: Friday, Oct 8 at Toronto, Game four: Saturday, Oct 9 at Toronto, Game five*: Sunday, Oct 10 at Toronto, Game six*: Tuesday, Oct 12 at Chicago, Game seven*: Wednesday, Oct 13 at Chicago

World Series: American winners v National winners. Game one: Saturday, Oct 16 at AL. Game two: Sunday, Oct 17, at AL. Game three: Tuesday, Oct 19: at NL. Game four: Wednesday, Oct 20 at NL. Game five*: Thursday, Oct 21: at NL. Game six*: Saturday, Oct 23, at AL. Game seven*: Sunday, Oct 24 at AL.

* if necessary

BASEBALL DETAILS

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 10, Pittsburgh 7; Montreal 3, Florida 2; Houston 5, Atlanta 2; New York 6, St Louis 1; San Diego 11, Cincinnati 4; Los Angeles 6, Chicago 5; San Francisco 6, Colorado 4.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Phila Phillies*	96	61	.611	—
Montreal Expos	90	67	.573	6
St Louis Cardinals	85	72	.541	11
Chicago Cubs	81	77	.512	15½
Pittsburgh Pirates	72	85	.459	24
Florida Marlins	64	93	.408	32
New York Mets	54	103	.344	42
West division				
Atlanta Braves	100	57	.637	—
San Fran Giants	100	57	.637	—
Houston Astros	82	75	.522	18
LA Dodgers	80	77	.510	20
Cincinnati Reds	71	87	.449	29½
Colorado Rockies	66	92	.418	34½
San Diego Padres	60	98	.380	40½

* won division championship

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 11, Detroit 6 and 6-7 (11 inns); Texas 2, Oakland 0 and 3-10; Minnesota 2, California 1; Baltimore 9, New York 1; Seattle 5, Chicago 2; Toronto 6, Milwaukee 4, Cleveland 3, Kansas City 2.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto Blue Jays*	92	65	.586	—
New York Yankees	85	73	.538	7½
Baltimore Orioles	83	74	.528	9
Detroit Tigers	82	75	.522	10
Boston Red Sox	80	77	.510	12
Cleveland Indians	76	82	.481	16½
Milwaukee Brewers	68	92	.418	26½
West division				
Chicago White Sox*	90	67	.573	—
Texas Rangers	83	74	.529	7
Kansas City Royals	81	77	.513	9½
Seattle Mariners	79	78	.503	11
California Angels	68	88	.439	21
Minnesota Twins	68	89	.433	22
Oakland A's	67	90	.427	23

* won division championship

SPORTS LETTERS

Politics should be kept out

From Mr Raymond Batkin

Sir, David Miller (September 25) goes a long way to promote the obvious need for electoral reform within the International Olympic Committee — but does he go far enough?

Can those of us who enjoy a truly international sporting spectacle not expect, at the very least, to be spared the worst excesses of political encroachment? The prime minister's measured support for Manchester was laudable but the utterances of the foreign and environment secretaries in the run-up to the Monte Carlo vote can hardly have done this country much credit.

Peking may not have been the ideal choice for the 2000 Games, but cannot the IOC charter clarify the need for sporting, and not political, considerations to hold sway?

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND BATKIN,
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Hartley,
Plymouth, Devon.

From Mr P. G. Land

Sir, Now that the combined efforts of an excellent, concerted and well funded campaign and a genuinely sporting princess and prime minister have failed to overcome the natural disadvantages of Manchester as a host city for the Olympic Games, again, is it not time to promote our most famous city, London, for a future Games?

As the venue that has twice answered a call to play host when a reliable venue was needed, London starts with a natural favour that any other city in the world would envy and fear. So, Bob Scott, don't give up — move south!

Yours faithfully,
P. G. LAND,
12 Daintrees,
Widford, Hertfordshire.

From Dame Mary Glen Haig

Sir, Your front-page article of September 21 implied that I had defended the human rights record of China in connection with the selection of host city for the Olympic Games in 2000.

I wish to state that at no time, publicly or privately, either in Monaco or anywhere else, have I defended such policies.

Yours faithfully,
MARY GLEN HAIG
(Member of the International Olympic Committee),
66 North End House,
Fitzjames' Avenue, W14.

Truer starts

From Dr N. F. Elliott Burrows

Sir, Time and again we see on television false starts in athletics races, especially the short ones. This is frustrating to the spectators, and must be even more so for the athletes.

In most cases, it seems to me, the reason is the variability in time between the call "get set" and the firing of the pistol.

Recently, I saw a race started in which, following the "get set", the starter called "3-2-1", and then fired his pistol. If this simple technique was followed universally, it would surely eliminate false starts.

Yours faithfully,
N. ELLIOTT BURROWS,
14 Devonshire Place,
Wimpole Street, W1.

Americans have no weak tail

From Mr D. P. Marchessini

Sir, John Hopkins (September 28) suggests that the world-class players in the European Ryder Cup team were responsible for losing the cup. Yet the accompanying table of each player's wins and losses tells a different story.

The six world-class players in the team, plus Peter Baker, won 20 points out of a possible 32. The rest of the team won one point out of 11. It is not that the world-class players collapsed: Europe did not have enough world-class players.

Hopkins describes as "odd" that the Americans invariably win the singles. I would suggest that there is nothing odd, but that in the singles everyone has to play. The European side has always had a tail of weak players; the Americans do not. That invariably gives them an enormous advantage.

The European team could have given itself a better chance by including more world-class players and reducing the tail. For example, Sandy Lyle, even when he is not playing well, makes a lot of birdies, and he would have been a tremendous force both in the fourballs and in the singles, where he is perfectly capable of beating anyone in the world on his day. Another world-class player is Ronan Rafferty. He has won tournaments all over the world and has previous Ryder Cup experience.

Until the selection process is changed to ensure that all the best players play, regardless of their place on the money-list, the Americans will always have an advantage.

Yours faithfully,
D. P. MARCHESSINI,
Kingsbury House,
15-17 King Street, SW1.

From Mr Keith Ray

Sir, At The Belfry last Friday I witnessed a sense of team spirit and self-belief which was clearly evident amongst the American team, and even their caddies were pumped up. How much of the ultimate American success was due to the positive and inspired leadership of the captain, Tom Watson? Certainly his pedigree of countless major open titles speaks for itself.

This country should invest more time and energy, proven winners who possess the flair for motivating others.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH RAY,
Gardenholm, Sussex Avenue,
Ross on Wye, Herefordshire.

Neutral corner

From Mr Aitken Fyall

Sir, Your account of the Rangers v Celtic Scottish League Cup semi-final (later editions, September 23) perplexes me.

It reports: "Before 46,000 spectators at Ibrox last night", followed by "the presence of 18,000 Celtic supporters" and "27,000 Rangers followers". Are you actually having the temerity to suggest that there were a thousand neutrals at an Old Firm clash? That would take some believing!

Yours faithfully,
AITKEN FYALL,
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Carmarthen, Dyfed.

Grudging tribute to talent

From Mrs Jo Ellis

Sir, The curmudgeonly tone of Christopher Irvine's article concerning the end of Ellery Hanley's international career (September 22) compels me to write.

I have long been irritated by journalistic attitudes towards Hanley, whose choice to do no press interviews — to maintain what Irvine calls a "sullen silence" — is entirely his own business and has no reflection upon his magnificent playing career. Contrary to what the press believes, sportsmen are not its property and are not obliged to have dealings with it.

It is rare to read an article about Hanley which does not make some reference to his chequered past, or which does not tacitly imply that this past still influences the present.

The article states that the Rugby Football League "should not have tolerated" Hanley's silence towards the press; it implies that he should not have captained the 1992 tour to Australasia; it pointedly resurrects the chequered past, the involvement with American football and even the ridiculous incident when Hanley was dropped from an international match for leaving the team hotel.

The fact that Hanley was, for several years, the best player in Britain and possibly the world was mentioned almost in passing. The bare bones of his achievements were buried in a fleshy mass of innuendo.

When Andy Gregory quit international rugby, praise was heaped upon him, yet when a greater force retires, his tribute is grudging and embittered.

The power that journalists wield over sportsmen, deriving from the threat that they can control how the public views its heroes, was invalidated by Hanley's majestic talent, which, whatever he did off the pitch, could always win him admirers.

Yours sincerely,
JO ELLIS,
Restharrow,
Northall,
Buckinghamshire.

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Lemon Souffle's career in balance

By Julian Muscat



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Prophecy and Eddery mastering Risky on their way to victory in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket

LEMON Souffle's unbeaten sequence was halted in sickening, almost brutal circumstances yesterday as Lord Carnarvon's filly sustained a career-threatening injury in finishing third behind Prophecy in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket.

As racegoers struggled to make sense of Lemon Souffle's shock defeat, the reasons behind it became all too clear when the little bay returned to the unsaddling enclosure. A chunk of skin, the size of a handkerchief, flapped loosely from her hock.

Lemon Souffle had clearly been struck into from behind and her trainer, Richard Hannon, estimated she had "a 60 per cent chance" of racing again. She was immediately rushed to the Rossdale veterinary clinic in Newmarket, the seriousness of the wound reducing the racecourse vet to the role of a helpless bystander.

"It's very bad," Hannon said after a quick assessment. "There is a hole in the tendon which has cut right through to the bone. She's walking sound now but I suspect it could be a different story tomorrow."

Lemon Souffle's injury is only the latest in a series of setbacks sustained by Carnarvon's bloodstock. His Pommes Frites failed to recover from an anaesthetic after an almost routine operation last month, and Niche, his classic-placed filly, was killed after being hit by a car two weeks' earlier. The year started on a sour note when Carnarvon's mare, Melpomene, a half-sister to Lemon Souffle, died while giving birth to her first foal.

Carnarvon, who was quickly out to meet Lemon Souffle, was the first to spot the damage. His face blackened by despair, Carnarvon rushed after his home-bred towards the horse ambulance, saying: "Lester [Piggott] said it happened at the top of the hill. I think it was Imperial Bailiwick that struck into her."

At that point, just over two furlongs out, Lemon Souffle was poised on the outside of Risky and Rohita. However, her effortless style suddenly gave way, and Risky looked the assured winner until Pat Eddery guided Prophecy between the pair for a late and successful challenge. Lemon Souffle's stride shortened noticeably in the last 100 yards as she struggled home in third.

The incident inevitably took the gloss off Prophecy's victory and her trainer, John Gosden, was quick to sympathise with Lemon Souffle's connections. It also played havoc with betting on next year's 1,000 Guineas, for which Lemon Souffle was second favourite behind Coup De Genie.

Ladbrokes shortened Stavros Niarchos's filly, who runs in the Prix Marcel Boussac on Sunday, to 7-4 favourite from 3-1. Her stable companion, East Of The Moon, is next at 10-1, with Prophecy a 14-1 chance from 33-1 (Hills go 20-1).

Khaled Abdulla's filly was bound for California before she snatched this group one prize. However, that plan is almost certain to be shelved in favour of a crack at the first fillies' classic next year.

Fumo Di Londra and Nicolotte had the Tattersalls' Houghton Sales Stakes, over seven furlongs, to themselves from a long way out, with Fumo Di Londra just edging out the favourite for the £26,796 prize by a scant head.

This is the Tattersalls-backed contest, which pays out fabulous bonuses for horses sold at their Houghton sale, so Fumo Di Londra actually earned his connections an extra £175,000. His trainer, John Dunlop, landed the inaugural running of this race three years ago, when he promptly labelled the excessive bonus structure as "grotesque". But this time a smiling Dunlop, when reminded of his comment, simply said: "Can we alter that?"

☐ Michael Hills was suspended for six days (October 8-13 inclusive) for careless riding after Palana had interfered with Rajmapata in the EBF Jersey Lily Fillies' Nursery.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.50 Wafayt. 2.20 Tutu Sixtysix. 2.50 Arzina. 3.20 Golden Grand. 3.50 Ecu De France. 4.20 Native Chieftan. 4.50 Monticino. 5.20 Karukera.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 Wafayt.

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DRAW: 5F-7F HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.50 EBF SLEEPING PARTNER MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O £4,413: 6f) (12 runners)

1 BOLD-MAY M Muggeridge 9-0 ... T Quinn 10
2 0 BOLD MICK 12 D Murray Smith 9-0 ... C Rutter 1
3 CAJUN CADET R Charlton 9-0 ... T Sprake 11
4 POSITIVO Lord Huntingdon 9-0 ... K Fallon 7
5 5 PURPLE FLING 15 M Prescott 9-0 ... G Duffield 4
6 TELEPHONE TAP P Harris 9-0 ... P Perham 8
7 3 WAFAYT 12 (BF) J Gosden 9-0 ... D Holland 12
8 4 ARAGON HOLLY 19 M Heaton-Ellis 8-9 ... W Woods 9
9 504 HOLLINGTON SONG 147 F McEntee 8-9 ... A McGlone 3
10 50 [illegible] BLUE 49 C Leale 8-9 ... B Russell (5) 6
11 INSPIRATION POINT H Candy 8-9 ... W Newnes 5
12 SUGAR FISK C Egerton 8-9 ... J Weaver 2

11-10 Wafayt, 11-2 Positivo, 6-1 Cajun Cadet, Telephone Tap, 10-1 others.

2.20 BLETCHINGLY CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O £2,243: 6f) (16)

1 BALATA BAY R Hannon 9-3 ... R Hills 13
2 5511 ELEVATOR SHAFT 15 (B,D,G,S) S Arbuthnot 9-3 ... T Quinn 1
3 FRESH EDGE M Heaton-Ellis 8-12 ... A McGlone 15
4 0660 STORM REGENT 12 (B,D,G) S Woods 8-11 ... W Woods 10
5 65 SECRATORIUS 31 E Smart 8-9 ... Stephen Davies (3) 2
6 245 HADDIAH 10 (B) J Dunlop 8-8 ... W Newnes 3
7 SHARPENING M Prescott 8-8 ... G Duffield 6
8 5444 GAELIC STAR 10 F Holdhead 8-7 ... S Perks 5
9 5200 PACIOLI 14 (B) M Williams 8-7 ... M Wigham 16
10 D126 PRIMOST 50 (D,BF,F) M Williams 8-7 ... N Adams 8
11 164 CHAMPAGNE GIRL 15 (C,S) P Makin 8-6 ... T Sprake 14
12 548 LADY WESTBURY 58 K Burke 8-6 ... J Quinn 11
13 0 FOXTOWNS GIRL 21 J Sooley 8-4 ... N Gwilliams (5) 7
14 0320 TUTU SIXTYSIX 8 (V,BF,F,G) P Svet 8-4 ... P Robinson 9
15 0 REMINISCENCE 35 F Hannon 8-2 ... S Raymont 12
16 3200 WILLWIN 10 (B) J Harris 8-0 ... J Weaver 4

4-1 Haddiah, 5-1 Tutu Sixtysix, 6-1 Balata Bay, Champagne Girl, Elevator Shaft, 10-1 Sharpening, 14-1 Reminiscence, Willwin, 20-1 others.

2.50 LYNN SPAULDING MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,845: 5f) (16)

1 0 BETAWAYDECKERWAY 15 P Burgoyne 9-0 ... N Adams 13
2 4562 BILLY CRUNCHEON 9 R Simpson 9-0 ... W Woods 16
3 6 COOL EDGE 6 M Tompkins 9-0 ... P Robinson 12
4 0 DOWSONG 17 R Akehurst 9-0 ... R Perham 15
5 00 GREATEST HOPES 12 C Benstead 9-0 ... T Williams 1
6 66 INSIDER TRADER 68 R Williams 9-0 ... D Biggs 11
7 0 MILOS 19 T Naughton 9-0 ... A McGlone 5
8 UPPER GROSVENOR P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 8
9 0 ARZINA 17 B Hills 8-9 ... D Holland 2
10 22 CALLABONNA 77 M Prescott 8-9 ... G Duffield 14
11 INDIAN LAMENT R Hodges 8-9 ... S Drowne (5) 9
12 50 LOOKIN' ROSIE 13 J Scargill 8-9 ... K Fallon 7
13 35 MOORLAND DANCER 14 W Haggas 8-9 ... R Hills 3
14 0235 RANKAIDADE 17 R Hollinshead 8-9 ... S Perks 10
15 SOUND OF THE BLUES R Hannon 8-9 ... S Raymont 4
16 55 SULITELMA 12 I Balding 8-9 ... S O'Gorman 6

4-1 Upper Grosvenor, 5-1 Callabonna, Sound Of The Blues, 11-2 Billy Cruncheon, 7-1 Arzina, Cool Edge, Sulitelma, 10-1 Insider Trader, 14-1 others.

3.20 UPHAM NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,675: 7f) (16)

1 2332 NORTHERN CELADON 13 M Jarvis 9-7 ... K Rutter (5) 13
2 3466 DUELLO 10 M Blanshard 9-7 ... J Quinn 1
3 3360 ROSE CIEL 14 (B) R Hannon 9-6 ... R Hills 12
4 01 SLASHER JACK 113 (G) R Hannon 9-5 ... G Duffield 7
5 0263 LUNAR MISSION 28 (BF) M Tompkins 9-2 ... P Robinson 8
6 451 FROMAGE 19 (G) D Laing 9-1 ... B Rouse 5
7 2634 PERSIAN HERITAGE 43 J Payne 9-1 ... K Fallon 10
8 10 MR B REASONABLE 15 (F) W Muir 9-0 ... A McGlone 15
9 0030 BANDAR PERAK 21 (V) S Dow 8-9 ... G Hind 4
10 5500 UN PARFUM DE FEMME 10 J Pearce 8-9 ... S Raymont 3
11 1020 ADMIRING 22 (G) M Bell 8-8 ... M Fenton (3) 2
12 000 BALLYMORRIS 20 B Meehan 8-5 ... R Perham 16
13 604 CHARLIE CHARLIE 14 R Ingram 8-6 ... A Tucker 6
14 0040 EMMA GRIMES 9 M Muggeridge 8-5 ... T Quinn 9
15 0541 GOLDEN GRAND 13 (D,G) R Williams 8-3 ... D Biggs 14
16 4402 CHARLIES DREAM 13 K Burke 8-1 ... N Adams 11

5-1 Golden Grand, 6-1 Lunar Mission, Slasher Jack, 7-1 Mr B Reasonable, 8-1 Admiring, Fromage, Northern Celadon, 10-1 Ballymorris, 12-1 others.

3.50 AUTUMN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O £3,435: 1m 6f) (15)

1 0 ABU DANCER 10 R Cunningham-Brown 9-0 ... R Perham 6
2 0 ALLEZ PABLO 9 D Sasse 9-0 ... S D Williams (7) 10
3 0 DESTINY CALLS 17 N Callaghan 9-0 ... B Rouse 2
4 00 DINNER AT EIGHT 34 C Cyzer 9-0 ... D Biggs 4
5 2546 ECU DE FRANCE 9 J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Newnes 14
6 3223 FOOLS ERRAND 14 R Hannon 9-0 ... G Duffield 3
7 00 KAMIKAZE 9 L Cumani 9-0 ... J Weaver 13
8 005 MOHAYA 180 J McConnochie 9-0 ... C Rutter 1
9 0300 OLD RED 17 P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 15
10 00 PRIDWELL 9 R Charlton 9-0 ... S Raymont 8
11 3542 QUILLON 15 H Cecil 9-0 ... A McGlone 7
12 0404 EDITHMEAD 31 P Harris 8-9 ... S Whitworth 12
13 3380 PISH KOSH 80 W Muir 8-9 ... D Holland 11
14 30 SCHOOLGIRL CRUSH 106 Mrs S Williams 8-9 ... K Fallon 9
15 0500 SULA MOON 26 C C Elsey 8-9 ... J Quinn 5

5-2 Quillon, 3-1 Ecu De France, 5-1 Edithmead, Fools Errand, 10-1 Pish Kosh, 12-1 Kamikaze, 14-1 Old Red, 20-1 Pridwell, 33-1 others.

4.20 LEWES LIMITED STAKES
(Amateurs: £2,805: 1m 3f 106yd) (16)

1 0000 CHARMED LIFE 10 (B) P Leach 4-10-12 ... Miss L Horsey (7) 15
2 4000 FORTUNE STAR 31 (S) J Bridger 4-10-12 ... Miss M Bridger (7) 12
3 4440 GREAT HAND 20 (F) R Rowe 7-10-12 ... G Lewis (5) 14
4 0000 ICE MAGIC 125 (G) F Yardley 6-10-12 ... Miss S Yardley (7) 7
5 4650 NATIVE CHIEFTAN 19J (C,G) S Dow 4-10-12 ... T Cuff (7) 5
6 5-13 QUIET RIOT 25J (F,G,S) J White 11-10-12 ... Miss Susan Davies (7) 11
7 0000 RAPPUSNI 31 K Wingrove 4-10-12 ... Mrs H Noonan (7) 10
8 1502 RAPPORTEUR 13 (CD,F,G) C C Elsey 7-10-12 ... Mrs A Elsey (7) 7
9 0503 STARLIGHT FLYER 10 (B,F,G,S) J Long 6-10-12 ... T Waters (7) 6
10 6016 MYSTERIOUS MAID 3 (D,F,G,S) J Pearce 6-10-7 ... Mrs L Pearce 6
11 0000 ARRAS ROYALE 10 J Long 3-10-5 ... Mrs D McHale (7) 13
12 0300 EXCESS BAGGAGE 19 (C,G) Pat Mitchell 3-10-5 ... Miss F Burke (7) 3
13 0000 MELLERIO 10 C Lewis 3-10-5 ... F Santana (7) 4
14 1555 INDIAN FLASH 21 (D,F,G,S) P Cundell 3-10-0 ... Mrs M Cowdrey 9
15 3221 RISPOTO 12 (S) M Prescott 3-10-0 ... Miss Diana Jones 8
16 2112 TINSASHE 23 (BF,F) W Jarvis 3-10-0 ... Miss I Foustok (7) 15

4-1 Tinsashe, 9-2 Rapporteur, 5-1 Native Chieftan, 6-1 Indian Flash, 8-1 Mysterious Maid, 10-1 Quiet Riot, 20-1 Excess Baggage, 25-1 others.

4.50 EBF SLEEPING PARTNER MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O £4,378: 6f) (12)

1 DEEPLY VALE G L Moore 9-0 ... B Rouse 5
2 00 FISSAIR 9 G Lewis 9-0 ... B Russell (5) 8
3 05 MONTICINO 20 R Charlton 9-0 ... S Raymont 4
4 300 PAPPA'S PET 23 J Dunlop 9-0 ... G Duffield 2
5 505 ROOFTOP FLYER 20 R Hannon 9-0 ... R Hills 11
6 00 SALTCORN 23 C C Elsey 9-0 ... W Newnes 7
7 02 SHIKAREE 10 M Pipe 9-0 ... A McGlone 1
8 AUNT TATE W Muir 8-9 ... T Williams 3
9 00 KHAYA 26 M McCormack 8-9 ... A Clark 12
10 MANATEE C Wall 8-9 ... P Robinson 9
11 025 SKIPTAMALOO 15 J Harris 8-9 ... D Holland 6
12 THEE AND ME R Hollinshead 8-9 ... S Perks 10

5-2 Rooftop Flyer, 3-1 Monticino, 4-1 Shikaree, 7-1 Aunt Tate, 8-1 Pappa's Pet, 12-1 others.

5.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,675: 7f) (16)

1 -135 SOAKING 110 (C,F) G L Moore 9-7 ... B Rouse 2
2 1320 TRINITY HALL 28 (S) C Hogan 9-1 ... D Holland 16
3 -052 WESTERING 16 J Hills 8-12 ... P Robinson 5
4 6562 PERSIAN GUSHER 35 (CD,G) S Dow 8-11 ... G Duffield 15
5 6400 TARTIB 47 C Benstead 8-11 ... R Hills 1
6 0225 PENNY BANGER 35 (B,CD,S) M Johnston 8-6 ... J Weaver 12
7 3004 MARK'S CLUB 10 (B,C,D,G) R O'Sullivan 8-6 ... D Biggs 4
8 0000 REMEMBER THIS 15 C Cyzer 8-3 ... K Fallon 3
9 4331 MY MINNIE 3 (G) R Hodges 8-2 ... S Drowne (5) 10
10 -500 SENOR L'AMOUR 31 A Turnell 8-1 ... N Adams 8
11 3160 AHJAY 23 (D,BF,F) D Wilson 8-1 ... J Quinn 9
12 2046 CLEAR LOOK 26 (BF) P Cole 8-1 ... T Quinn 7
13 0302 WALNUT BURL 8 (V,CD,F) L Holt 8-0 ... A McGlone 14
14 6404 KARUKERA 8 (S) B Millman 7-13 ... A Mackay 13
15 3000 SEASON'S STAR 9 (V) H Candy 7-13 ... C Rutter 5
16 0055 ARAWA 27 D Marks 7-11 ... Stephen Davies (3) 11

6-1 Ahjay, 7-1 My Minnie, Penny Banger, 15-2 Walnut Burl, 8-1 Karukera, Persian Gusher, 10-1 Mark's Club, Soaking, Trinity Hall, Westering, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 12 winners from 31 runners, 38.7%; R Charlton, 6 from 18, 33.3%; B Hills, 33 from 104, 31.7%; H Cecil, 14 from 46, 30.4%; J Harris, 7 from 23, 30.4%; R Hollinshead, 12 from 41, 29.3%.

JOCKEYS: S Raymont, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; K Rutter, 10 from 52, 19.2%; T Quinn, 87 from 485, 17.9%; G Duffield, 38 from 224, 17%; Stephen Davies, 8 from 49, 16.3%; J Weaver, 6 from 37, 16.2%.

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

1.35 MUHAYAA (nap). 2.05 My Gallery. 2.35 Turtle Island. 3.10 Silverlocks. 3.40 Blyton Lad. 4.10 Darnay. 4.40 First Option.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 OWINGTON (nap). 4.40 Princess Oberon.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 BLYTON LAD.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.35 GODOLPHIN STAKES C4
(Listed race: £9,594: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

101 (4) -4921 JOHN BALLIOL 12 (F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) D Loder 5-9-5 ... M Roberts 95
102 (5) 012323 MUHAYAA 7 (C,G) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 4-8-13 ... W R Swinburn [illegible]
103 (6) 661121 KELIMUTU 10 (D,F,S) (J Furlong) J Pearce 4-8-8 ... G Bardwell 74
104 (2) 15 PETER QUINCE 45 (G) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-8-8 ... W Ryan 89
105 (1) 131030 PERSIAN BRAVE 12 (F,S) (R Michaelson) M Bell 3-8-5 ... M Hills 98
106 (3) 126-135 URGENT REQUEST 20 (D,F,S) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-5 ... Pat Eddery 91
107 (7) 5305 PEACHES POLLY 34 (W Gredley) K Wright 3-8-0 ... B Doyle 90
108 (8) 516211 SUMMER PAGEANT 35 (CD,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 3-8-0 ... W Carson 92

BETTING: 3-1 Muhayaa, 4-1 John Balliol, 5-1 Urgent Request, 7-1 Peter Quince, 8-1 Persian Brave, 10-1 Summer Pageant, 14-1 Peaches Polly, 20-1 Kelimutu.

1992: ZINAAD 3-8-4 Pat Eddery (14-1) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

JOHN BALLIOL beat Mack The Knife a neck in a 6-runner listed race at Ayr (1m 3f, good to firm). MUHAYAA 2¼l 3rd of 6 to Prince Of Andros in the group III Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, good to soft). KELIMUTU beat Cilberrel News 3½l in an 11-runner handicap at Edinburgh (1m 4f, good to soft). PETER QUINCE beat Lacotte 3l in a 15-runner maiden at Ascot on penultimate start (1m 2f, good). PERSIAN BRAVE 3l 3rd of 8 to Prince Of Andros in a listed race at Doncaster on penultimate start (1m 4f, soft), with URGENT REQUEST (same terms) 5l 5th. SUMMER PAGEANT beat Sure Haven 1l in a 10-runner handicap at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good).

Selection: JOHN BALLIOL

2.05 BAILEY'S HORSE FEEDS NURSERY HANDICAP C4
(2-Y-O: £7,635: 5f) (13 runners)

201 (1) 028121 DOLLAR GAMBLE 19 (D,F,G) (J Leek) R Hannon 9-7 ... Mark Denaro (7) 91
202 (9) 1860 TAKADOU 43 (D,F) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 9-5 ... W R Swinburn 94
203 (2) 601 ZANZARA 14 (F) (Skyline Racing Ltd) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 87
204 (8) 336138 BASKERVILLE 38 (D,F) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 ... J Reid 96
205 (6) 210625 NORDICO PRINCESS 14 (G) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-13 ... W Ryan 88
206 (5) 01109 TINKER OSMASTON 61 (D,F) (U Liner Services Ltd) C Williams 8-12 ... Pat Eddery 91
207 (7) 203515 NO MEAN CITY 6 (B,F) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 8-8 ... A Mackay 95
208 (10) 31060 CABCHARGE PRINCESS 52 (D,S) (Computer Cab) M Tompkins 8-7 ... S Mulvey (7) 81
209 (13) 221533 CERTIFICATE-X 15 (D,F) (Kingsley House Partnership) M Johnston 8-5 ... M Roberts 89
210 (3) 056651 MY GALLERY 9 (B,D,S) (Gordon Mytton) A Bailey 8-5 (7ex) ... D Wright (5) [illegible]
211 (12) 63621 DOMINO QUEEN 16 (D,S) (J K Bonatt) J Payne 8-3 ... A Munro 95
212 (4) 010045 MIRIAM 9 (D,F) (Miss A Whitehead) M Fetherston-Godley 8-2 ... W Carson 87
213 (11) 511 GIPSY KID 21 (B,F,G) (Miss H Bramwell) Miss G Kelleway 7-7 ... J Lowe 96

BETTING: 11-2 My Gallery, 6-1 Domino Queen, 7-1 Gipsy Kid, 8-1 Certificate-X, Dollar Gamble, Tinker Osmaston, 12-1 Baskerville, No Mean City, Takadou, Zanzara, 14-1 others.

1992: SHEILA'S SECRET 8-12 J Reid (6-1 fav) W Carter 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOLLAR GAMBLE beat Gold Land 1½l in a 7-runner conditions race at Chepstow (5f, good). TAKADOU 6¾l 6th of 9 to Turtle Island in the group I Heinz 57 Stakes at Leopardstown on penultimate start (6f, good). ZANZARA beat Frisky Miss 1l in a 7-runner maiden auction at Ayr (6f, good to firm). NORDICO PRINCESS 1½l 2nd of 11 to Grey Toppa in a nursery at Ripon on penultimate start (5f, good to firm). NO MEAN CITY beat Close To Reality 1½l in an 8-runner nursery at Ayr on penultimate start (6f, good to firm). MY GALLERY beat Billy Cruncheon 5l in an 11-runner nursery at Kempton (5f, soft), with MIRIAM (7lb better off) about 2¾l 5th. DOMINO QUEEN beat Jayannpee 1l in an 8-runner maiden-auction at Sandown (5f, soft).

Selection: DOMINO QUEEN

2.35 NEWGATE STUD MIDDLE PARK STAKES C4
(Group I: 2-Y-O colts: £91,233: 6f) (8 runners)

301 (5) 11113 FIRST TRUMP 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0 ... M Hills 95
302 (8) 21 GNEISS 10 (D,S) (M Ocasi) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 81
303 (1) 311 OWINGTON 27 (D,G) (Baron von Ullmann) G Wragg 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 90
304 (2) 212 PINKERTON'S PAL 14 (D,F) (Miss E Macgregor) C Brittain 9-0 ... M Roberts 82
305 (3) 113 REDOUBTABLE 105 (BF,F) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 9-0 ... L Dettori 94
306 (4) 112 STAR TALENT 27 (D,BF,G,S) (J Smith) D Elsworth 9-0 ... R Cochrane 87
307 (7) 114311 TURTLE ISLAND 43 (D,G,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid [illegible]
308 (6) 11 WATANI 28 (CD,G) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 ... W Carson 92

BETTING: 9-4 Turtle Island, 9-2 First Trump, 11-2 Owington, 8-1 Gneiss, Redoubtable, Watani, 12-1 Star Talent, 14-1 Pinkerton's Pal.

1992: ZIETEN 9-0 S Cauthen (5-2) A Fabre (Fr) 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIRST TRUMP 2½l 3rd of 5 to Polish Laughter in the group II Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury (6f, good to soft). GNEISS beat Shitaree 10l in a 21-runner maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to soft). OWINGTON beat Fumo Di Londra a short head in the 6-runner group II Moet & Chandon Rennen at Baden-Baden (6f, good). Previously, beat PINKERTON'S PAL 3½l in an 11-runner maiden at York (6f, good). PINKERTON'S PAL beat GNEISS head in a 9-runner maiden at York on penultimate start (6f, good to firm). STAR TALENT 2½l 2nd of 7 behind Friendly Champ in a conditions race at Kempton (7f, good). TURTLE ISLAND beat Unblest head in the 8-runner group II Gimcrack Stakes at York (6f, good). Previously, beat Gold Land 3½l in the group III Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, soft), with REDOUBTABLE a short-head 3rd. WATANI beat Majestic Eagle 3½l in a 3-runner listed race at Kempton (6f, good).

Selection: TURTLE ISLAND

3.10 LADBROKE HANDICAP C4
(3-Y-O: £8,090: 1m 2f) (13 runners)

401 (12) 554051 LINDON LIME 12 (D,F,S) (F Salman) P Cole 9-7 ... A Munro 93
402 (9) 0-1251 CHATOYANT 48 (D,G,S) (Lord Derby) J Watts 9-5 ... W R Swinburn 93
403 (13) 1-20 SURPRISE SURPRISE 50 (G) (Mrs J Wright) H Candy 9-2 ... Antoinette Armes (7) 90
404 (6) 115144 SILVERLOCKS 13 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Dunbury) Miss S Hall 8-8 ... M Connaton 93
405 (3) 350056 SHIRO 14 (F,S) (S Manana) R Williams 8-7 ... M Roberts 95
406 (11) 5-01221 AMERICAN SWINGER 15 (D,F,S) (Triple Crown Owners) P Harris 8-6 ... Pat Eddery 91
407 (1) 15-20 BUROOJ 142 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 8-6 ... W Carson [illegible]
408 (10) 623-145 MARCO MAGNIFICO 145 (D,G) (Mrs L Simpson) B Hills 8-5 ... M Hills 90
409 (8) 016200 BRANDONHURST 20 (F,G) (B Michaelson) I Balding 8-6 ... L Dettori 97
410 (5) 5214 LA SPEZIA 16 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-3 ... J Carroll 90
411 (2) 016-045 DISKETTE 26 (S) (M Obendaal) Lord Huntingdon 7-10 ... D Harrison 92
412 (4) 301125 DODGY DANCER 31 (D,BF,F) (T Langley) M Channon 7-7 ... D Wright (5) 93
413 (7) 142146 HOTSOCKS 180 (G) (O Dervish) Pat Mitchell 7-7 ... Kim McDonnell 77

Long handicap: Dodgy Dancer 7-6, Hotsocks 6-9

☐ The trainer states that Burooj will not run if there rain overnight

BETTING: 11-2 American Swinger, 6-1 Chatoyant, Shiro, 7-1 Diskette, 8-1 Lindon Lime, Silverlocks, 10-1 La Spezia, 12-1 Brandonhurst, 16-1 others.

1992: ROSE ELEGANCE 7-9-F Norton (33-1) W Muir 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

LINDON LIME beat Jackpot Star ¾l in a 14-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to soft). CHATOYANT beat John's Act a neck in a 15-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good), with BRANDONHURST (8lb better off) 16l 13th. SILVERLOCKS 2¾l 4th of 11 to Tap On Air in a handicap at Ayr (1m 2f, good to firm). AMERICAN SWINGER beat Port Sunlight 1¼l in a 7-runner handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2l, good to soft). BRANDONHURST's best recent effort was when a neck 2nd of 15 to Moscow Sea in a handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good). LA SPEZIA beat Lambas 2½l in a 4-runner maiden at Epsom (1m 2f, good to firm). DISKETTE about 2¼l 5th of 18 to Persiansky in a handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm).

Selection: LINDON LIME

3.40 ROUS STAKES (Listed race: £9,681: 5f) (10 runners)

501 (1) 431021 SURPRISE OFFER 13 (B,D,G,S) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 3-9-2 ... B Raymond 91
502 (4) 121-P65 BLYTON LAD 42 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Addleshaw) M Camacho 7-9-0 ... S Webster [illegible]
503 (5) 046100 REGAL CHIMES 12 (D,F,G) (M Sturgess) B McMahon 4-9-0 ... A Munro 91
504 (8) 321231 CALL ME I'M BLUE 6 (D,G,S) (Harsh (Tipping Gears)) N Tinkler 3-8-9 ... L Piggott 96
505 (2) 620301 SABRE RATTLER 31 (D,F,G,S) (R Hughes) J Berry 3-8-9 ... J Carroll 93
506 (3) 313035 SAINT EXPRESS 3 (D,F,G) (M St Quinton) R Whitaker 3-8-9 ... W Carson 83
507 (9) 134540 SPLICE 5 (CD,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 4-8-9 ... W R Swinburn 94
508 (7) 54-0646 ANONYMOUS 13 (D,S) (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 3-8-4 ... B Doyle 80
509 (6) 522223 SHEILA'S SECRET 49 (CD,G,S) (Sherwoods Transport Ltd) T Mills 3-8-4 ... Pat Eddery 91
510 (10) 403152 MY-O-MY 36 (D,S) (R Sangster) T Stack (Ire) 3-8-4 ... M Roberts

BETTING: 7-4 Surprise Offer, 7-2 Blyton Lad, 5-1 Call Me I'm Blue, 7-1 Splice, 8-1 My-O-My, Sabre Rattler, 12-1 Sheila's Secret, 14-1 Regal Chimes, 16-1 Saint Express, 20-1 Anonymous

1992: BLYTON LAD 6-9-0 S Webster (8-1) M Camacho 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

SURPRISE OFFER beat Goriesky 1l in a 7-runner conditions race at Newbury (5f, good to soft), with ANONYMOUS (4lb better off) about 11¾l 6th. BLYTON LAD about 3½l 5th of 11 to Lochsong in the group I Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes at York (5f, good). REGAL CHIMES put up best recent effort when beating Ashtina ½l in an 11-runner handicap at Ascot (5f, good), with SABRE RATTLER (3lb better off) 2½l 3rd. CALL ME I'M BLUE beat Misterioppogigo 3½l in an 11-runner handicap at Ascot (5f, good to soft). SPLICE about 1½l 4th of 9 to Stack Rock in a listed race here (6f, good). MY-O-MY neck 2nd of 9 to Macgillycuddy in a handicap at Tralee (5f, good).

Selection: BLYTON LAD (nap)

4.10 EBF WESTLEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,595: 7f) (29 runners)

601 (10) ACCESS ADVENTURER (Miss E Williams) R Boss 9-0 ... –
602 (19) BLUSHING FLAME (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0 ... R Cochrane –
603 (16) CHOCOLAT DE MEGURO (T Watanabe) G Harwood 9-0 ... M Perrett –
604 (13) 0 CORCOVADO 14 (E Tudor-Evans) J Dunlop 9-0 ... D Harrison –
605 (2) CZARNA (Ovidstown Investments Ltd) C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle (3) –
606 (27) DANCE TURN (S Ward) R Armstrong 9-0 ... R Price –
607 (5) DARNAY (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... L Dettori –
608 (17) DECENT COVE (The Groucho Four) W Jarvis 9-0 ... M Tebbutt –
609 (24) DESERT CONQUEROR (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 ... W R Swinburn –
610 (12) 54 GLITTERAZZI 78 (Mrs P Shean) D Elsworth 9-0 ... J Williams 85
611 (8) IRKUTSK (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan –
612 (7) 2 LATTAM 12 (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson [illegible]
613 (25) LUCAYAN CAY (Lucayan Stud) R Hannon 9-0 ... Mark Denaro (7) –
614 (18) 0 LUCKY TUCKY 15 (L Tockwell Ltd) J Jenkins 9-0 ... F Norton –
615 (26) NIGHT IN A MILLION (Million In Mind Partnership) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... Paul Eddery –
616 (1) PORPHYRIOS (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 9-0 ... M Hills –
617 (21) 3 REHLAT FARAH 9 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 9-0 ... M Roberts 93
618 (11) 23 RIVER DEEP 98 (BF) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... A Munro 86
619 (28) 54 SANS ECOCIDE 69 (W Gredley) N Wright 9-0 ... V Smith 81
620 (15) 0 TU OPES 15 (Ms S Miller) I Campbell 9-0 ... Dale Gibson –
621 (22) TWISP (Shaikh Mohammed) J Fanshawe 9-0 ... J Lowe –
622 (8) 2 WILLIAM TELL 15 (Exors of Mr J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 ... K Darley 98
623 (14) WINTER COAT (A Speelman) J Gosden 9-0 ... B Crossley –
624 (23) BOLAS (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-9 ... Pat Eddery –
625 (9) FLEUR DE TAL (Bolton Grange) R Boss 8-9 ... J Carroll –
626 (20) 3 NOBLISSIMA 13 (Mrs E Ogden White) J Dunlop 8-9 ... L Piggott 89
627 (3) SAMSONESQUE (D Rosell) J Fanshawe 8-9 ... G Bardwell –
628 (4) TRIPLE TIE (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 ... J Reid –
629 (29) DUBAI FALCON (S Suhail) B Hanbury 9-0 ... B Raymond –

BETTING: 5-1 Lattam, 11-2 Rehlat Farah, 6-1 Darnay, 7-1 Irkutsk, River Deep, 8-1 Bolas, Triple Tie, Winter Coat, 10-1 Blushing Flame, Lucayan Cay, Night In A Million, 14-1 others.

1992: PLACERVILLE 9-0 Pat Eddery (4-5 fav) H Cecil 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

GLITTERAZZI 3¼l 4th of 17 to Barossa Valley in a maiden at Newbury (6f, good). LATTAM 2½l 2nd of 19 to Southern Ridge in a maiden at Newbury (6f, good to soft). REHLAT FARAH about 1l 3rd of 22 to Dynamic Debbie in a maiden at Kempton (1m, soft). RIVER DEEP 6l 3rd of 4 to Governor George in a conditions race at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). WILLIAM TELL ¾l 2nd of 13 to Luhuk in a maiden at Sandown (7f, soft). DECENT COVE (foaled Apr 14, cost 7,000gns) is a half-brother, by Pharly, to several winners including useful middle-distance winner Nibbs Point. Dam won over 1m 2f on her only start. IRKUTSK (Apr 28) is a half-brother, by Nureyev, to three winners, including 1m winner Almurjid. Dam is a half-sister to Romeo Romani, juvenile winner up to 1m 1f in North America. LUCAYAN CAY (Feb 12, 33,000gns) is a half-brother, by Al Hareb, to top-class juvenile Lyric Fantasy. Dam was a sprinter in France. TRIPLE TIE (Apr 20, 25,000gns) is a half-sister to numerous winners including decent juvenile performer Jarvia. Dam won 3 times as a three and four-year-old in North America.

Selection: LATTAM

4.40 FITZWILLIAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,882: 5f) (16 runners)

1 (7) 304125 ARAGROVE 41 (D,F,G) (K Khan) L Holt 9-7 ... J Reid 90
2 (13) 4125-23 SASEEDO 255 (D,BF,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 9-7 ... J Williams 80
3 (10) 024000 DARK EYED LADY 17 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs M Gordon) D Arbuthnot 9-6 ... L Dettori [illegible]
4 (3) 0-41420 DOMULLA 17 (G) (A Boon) R Akehurst 9-6 ... D Harrison 95
5 (2) 450500 ANOTHER JADE 34 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Kaplan) A Jarvis 9-6 ... W R Swinburn 93
6 (11) 016000 JOBIE 10 (D,G) (J Redmond) W Haggas 9-2 ... Pat Eddery 93
7 (1) 532010 PRINCESS OBERON 16 (CD,BF,F,G) (R Michaelson) M Bell 9-2 ... M Hills 95
8 (6) 631310 FIRST OPTION 16 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) M H Easterby 9-0 ... K Darley 95
9 (16) 310440 HOTARIA 43 (F,S) (Mrs J Richmond) R Whitaker 8-11 ... A Culhane 97
10 (15) 615300 CHARITY EXPRESS 17 (D,F,G,S) (C Davey) D Cosgrove 8-10 ... M Wigham 92
11 (5) 15000 BOLD STREET 19 (B) (Codan Trust Company Ltd) A Bailey 8-4 ... F Norton 84
12 (9) 434413 KILDEE LAD 10 (G) (J O'Donovan) A Jones 8-2 ... Dale Gibson 94
13 (8) 000643 RACING TELEGRAPH 76 (G) (C Woof) J Pearce 8-2 ... G Bardwell 89
14 (4) 000000 MOUJEEB 10 (V) (A Penney) Pat Mitchell 7-7 ... Kim McDonnell 80
15 (14) 00000 FORDALLIA 9 (M Jackson) J Hetherton 7-7 ... J Lowe 70
16 (12) 006130 JOELLISE 17 (V,D,S) (Jackson Construction Co Ltd) J Balding 7-7 ... Claire Balding (7) 74

Long handicap: Moujeeb 6-9, Fordallia 6-7, Joellise 5-7.

BETTING: 5-1 Princess Oberon, 6-1 Aragrove, 7-1 Kildee Lad, 8-1 Another Jade, Domulla, Jobie, 10-1 Dark Eyed Lady, First Option, 12-1 Racing Telegraph, 14-1 others.

1992: ASHTINA 7-8-8 Pat Eddery (9-2 jt-fav) R Hodges 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOMULLA 1¾l 2nd of 10 to Great Hall in an apprentices' handicap at Newbury on penultimate start (6f, good), with DARK EYED LADY (4lb better off) 9¼l 9th. PRINCESS OBERON beat Misterioppogigo a short head in an 18-runner handicap over course and distance on penultimate start (good). FIRST OPTION beat Samson-Agonistes 1½l in an 11-runner claimer at Warwick on penultimate start (5f, good to firm). CHARITY EXPRESS put up best recent effort when 2½l 3rd of 14 to Tuscan Dawn in a handicap at Thirsk (5f, good). KILDEE LAD about 3¼l 3rd of 16 to Domicksky in a handicap at Folkestone (6f, good to soft), with JOBIE (3lb worse off) 4¼l 7th. RACING TELEGRAPH about 1½l 3rd of 8 to Rocz Marzata in a handicap here (6f, good to soft).

Selection: DOMULLA

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
T Mills	3	9	33.3	Pat Eddery	89	482	18.5
P Chapple-Hyam	13	56	23.2	Antoinette Armes	3	18	16.7
W Hern	20	92	21.7	W R Swinburn	63	390	16.2
H Cecil	70	324	21.6	S Webster	3	19	15.8
D Loder	3	16	18.8	W Carson	83	541	15.3
M Stoute	50	280	17.9	M Hills	36	254	14.2

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION



NEWMARKET

C4

1.35: After winning impressively at Ascot on his debut, Peter Quince was slightly disappointing at Windsor behind Icy South. However, it may be worth excusing the Henry Cecil-trained runner as he looked far from happy on the tight track. The Kris colt has the most scope for improvement and should enjoy today's step up in distance and galloping track.

Alex Scott has his string in fine form and Muhayaa ran his best race at Ascot in group company last week. Persian Brave would not be out of it if returning to form.

2.05: Domino Queen and My Gallery ran by far their best races last time and, along with Dollar Gamble, boast superior form. Dollar Gamble may appreciate faster going, while the handicapper has taken no risks with My Gallery after her runaway Kampton success. Domino Queen recorded a good time at Sandown and is just preferred.

2.35: Turtle Island, the Gimcrack and Phoenix Stakes winner, is as tough as they come and the form choice. But Peter Chapple-Hyam's colt has had some hard races and, with the Manton string not firing on all cylinders, he could be vulnerable to a less-exposed horse.

Gneiss won at Nottigham by ten lengths, eased down near the line, while Watani has not been extended in his two races. Geoff Wragg's two-year-olds are among the best around and Owington appeals having beaten Fumo Di Londra (who won here yesterday) in a group race last time.

3.10: A typically competitive handicap, but I cannot look beyond Diskette. The Lord Huntingdon-trained filly has been crying out for today's step up in distance after twice running with promise over a mile at Kempton. She now runs off a handicap mark 9lb lower than at the start of the season. Burooj, a threat at his best, returns from a long lay-off and the improving American Swinger is more of a danger.

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Nap: DISKETTE (3.10 Newmarket)

Next best: Darnay (4.10 Newmarket)

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THUNDERER

2.10 The Mine Captain. 2.40 Leotard. 3.15 Far Senior. 3.45 Drumstick. 4.15 Northern Village. 4.45 Gaelstrom. 5.15 Solar Kestrel.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.10 WILLOW TRUST NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,882: 2m 5f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 B-11 DEBACLE 20 (D,F,S) B McMath 4-11-5 ... D Murphy
2 FUZZY LOGIC N Twiston-Davies 5-11-1 ... C Llewellyn
3 525- JACK'S BARN 191 (B) J Bosley 5-11-1 ... M Bosley
4 3-05 SANDMOOR PRINCE 31 (F,G) P Pritchard 10-11-1 ... P Pritchard
5 300- THE MINE CAPTAIN 145 (G) F O'Mahony 6-11-1 ... E Murphy
6 002- OATS N BARLEY 150 P Rodford 4-11-0 ... I Shoemark

4-5 Debacle, 3-1 The Mine Captain, 4-1 Fuzzy Logic, 12-1 others.

2.40 TEWKESBURY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,753: 2m 110yd) (10)

1 110- BEAUCHAMP GRACE 198 (C,D,S) Mrs S Bramall 4-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 206- CLURICAN 154 (D,S) N Tinkler 4-11-4 ... NON-RUNNER
3 400/ ROYAL SQUARE 540 (D,G,S) G Harwood 7-11-4 ... I Shoemark
4 021- LEOTARD 159 (D,G) O Sherwood 6-10-13 ... J Osborne
5 12-1 ABSENT RELATIVE 14F (D,F,G) Miss B Sanders 5-10-11 ... A Maguire
6 05-3 NAHAR 19 (D,G) S Dow 8-10-9 ... H Davies
7 4-24 KING'S SHILLING 26 (D,F,G) C Broad 6-10-7 ... Jacqui Oliver
8 1214 RULING DYNASTY 3 (B,D,F,G,S) M Usher 9-10-2 ... N Williamson
9 2111 LUSTREMAN 19 (D,F,G) J Peacock 6-10-0 ... T Wall
10 00-4 TEXLA 54 (S) A Chamberlain 8-10-0 ... B Powell

3-1 Leotard, 4-1 Beauchamp Grace, 5-1 Absent Relative, 6-1 others.

3.15 COTSWOLD BMW HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,162: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 511P- FAR SENIOR 313 (CD,F,G) K Bailey 7-11-10 ... N Williamson
2 104-1 WONT BE GONE LONG 19 (CD,F,G) N Henderson 11-11-9 ... R Dunwoody
3 3U2- ROCKTOR 140 (D,F,G,S) D Barons 8-10-13 ... J Frost
4 26P- WELKNOWN CHARACTER 171 (F,G,S) P Nicholls 11-10-8 ... G Bradley
5 20-2 RU VALENTINO 8 (BF,F,G) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-0 ... C Llewellyn
6 1U2- CARRICKROVADDY 120 (B,F) B Smart 7-10-0 ... B Powell

9-4 Won't Be Gone Long, 3-1 Far Senior, 4-1 Rocktor, 5-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Mellor, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; K Bailey, 12 from 39, 30.8%; N Henderson, 19 from 87, 21.8%; D Barons, 11 from 57, 19.3%; N Twiston-Davies, 13 from 71, 18.3%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 47 wins from 208 rides, 22.6%; H Davies, 10 from 57, 17.5%; J Frost, 12 from 71, 16.9%; A Maguire, 10 from 72, 13.9%; J Osborne, 12 from 98, 12.2%; C Llewellyn, 7 from 61, 11.5%.

3.45 STUDD CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,143: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 211- SPACE FAIR 161 (CD,F,G,S) R Lee 10-12-0 ... L Harvey
2 132- BOUTZDAROFF 127 (D,F,G) Jimmy FitzGerald 11-11-5 ... M Dwyer
3 520- HOWE STREET 180 (D,F,G,S) J Johnson 10-10-12 ... B Storey
4 U44- SETTER COUNTRY 156 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 9-10-6 ... R Dunwoody
5 25-5 ACRE HILL 15 (CD,BF,F,G) N Henderson 9-10-5 ... M A Fitzgerald
6 1311 DRUMSTICK 15 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 7-10-4 ... N Williamson
7 01-2 THATS THE LIFE 63 (D,F,G) T George 8-10-0 ... A Maguire

5-2 Drumstick, 7-2 Boutzdaroff, 4-1 Space Fair, 11-2 Howe Street, 13-2 Setter Country, 8-1 Acre Hill, 12-1 Thats The Life

4.15 FRENCHIE NICHOLSON COND JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,976: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 54-1 STAUNCH RIVAL 5 (D,G,S) G Thorner 6-12-3 (6ex) ... R Farrant
2 32-1 NORTHERN VILLAGE 12 (D,F,G) S Dow 6-12-0 ... A Dicken (3)
3 2-20 FROSTY RECEPTION 20 (B,F) R Baker 8-10-11 ... V Slattery
4 06-0 CHIEF RAIDER 38 (G) J Wade 5-10-6 ... D Bentley (3)
5 541- CAROMANDOO 150 (V,F,G,S) A Barrow 5-10-5 ... T Thompson (6)
6 /051- THE MRS 308 (D,F,G) J Mullins 7-10-0 ... R Davis
7 34-5 J R JONES 22 (F,G) Mrs A Hewitt 6-10-0 ... S Wynne
8 0-02 MINT-MASTER 21 (F) B Shaw 8-10-0 ... P Maddock (6)

7-4 Staunch Rival, 9-4 Northern Village, 5-1 Chief Raider, 7-1 Caromandoo, 10-1 The Mrs, 12-1 Frosty Reception, 20-1 J R Jones, 33-1 Mint-Master

4.45 CHELTENHAM SPONSORSHIP CLUB NOVICES CHASE (£3,517: 2m 5f) (6)

1 4312 COMIC LINE 15 (B,S) M Churches 8-11-6 ... S Burrough
2 6-11 VALIANT WARRIOR 19 (F,G) M Hammond 5-11-4 ... C Grant
3 P52- PICKETSTONE 131 J Webber 6-11-2 ... G McCourt
4 U JHAL FREZI 2 A Barrow 5-11-0 ... A Thornton (3)
5 334P KASHAN 5 (G) J Bradley 5-11-0 ... R Farrant (5)
6 212- GAELSTROM 161 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-11 ... C Llewellyn

1-2 Gaelstrom, 3-1 Valiant Warrior, 10-1 Comic Line, 12-1 Picketstone, 14-1 Kashan, 50-1 Jhal Frezi

5.15 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,842: 2m 110yd) (13)

1 GOOD INSIGHT C Brooks 5-11-6 ... M Berry (7)
2 0- HEZEKIAH 372 J White 5-11-6 ... K Comerford (7)
3 0- MARINERS MEMORY 233 R Brazington 5-11-6 ... D Meredith (3)
4 0- REG'S HOLLOA 301 J Upson 5-11-6 ... Mr T Byrne (7)
5 SOLAR KESTREL N Henderson 5-11-6 ... Mr C Vigors (7)
6 4- BALLYMGYR 126 S Mellor 4-11-5 ... A Procter (5)
7 20- BELL ONE 197 A Dunn 4-11-5 ... M Hourigan (3)
8 ROCKCLIFFE LAD N Twiston-Davies 4-11-5 ... Mr M Rimell (7)
9 SILVER SUMAL C Broad 4-11-5 ... V Slattery
10 SOLO GENT A Jones 4-11-5 ... Mr S Bush
11 SUNGIA F Bridgwater 4-11-5 ... W Marston (3)
12 WHAT A RATTLE T George 4-11-5 ... Mr Richard White (7)
13 40- FLAMEWOOD 187 Mrs D Haine 4-11-0 ... Mr G Haine (7)

11-4 Rockcliffe Lad, 7-2 Solar Kestrel, 5-1 Good Insight, 7-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 2.20 Storm Regent, Haddiah, Pacioli, Willwin. 3.20 Rose Ciel. 5.20 Penny Banger. Newmarket: 2.05 Gipsy Kid

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good to soft

2.00 (1m 2f) 1, Song Of Sixpence (C Scudder, 14-1); 2, Bit On The Side (12-1); 3, Sunlara (20-1); 4, Dashing Fellow (16-1). Port Sunlight 8-1 fav. 20 ran. Hd, 2l. I Balding. Tote £14.50; £2.70, £2.60, £8.80, £9.50. DF: £192.00. Trio: £919.30. CSF: £162.19. Tricast: £3,047.52.

2.35 (1m 4f) 1, Night Clubbing (T Quinn, 100-30 fav); 2, Pistol River (9-2); 3, Opera Ghost (5-1). 9 ran. 1l, sh hd. R Akehurst. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £7.30. CSF: £16.55. Tricast: £60.54.

3.05 (7f) 1, Fumo Di Londra (L Piggott, 16-1); 2, Nicolotte (7-4 fav); 3, Piccolo (33-1). 10 ran. NR: Alpine Johnny, Paonic. Hd, 1½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £15.60; £3.40, £1.50, £6.40. DF: £12.30. CSF: £41.38.

3.40 (6f) 1, Prophecy (Pat Eddery, 12-1); 2, Risky (7-2); 3, Lemon Souffle (4-6 fav). 6 ran. ½l, 2l. J Gosden. Tote: £10.00; £2.40, £1.30. DF: £10.60. CSF: £47.27.

4.10 (7f) 1, Manhattan Sunset (J Reid, 14-1); 2, Fawaakeh (16-1); 3, Nice Welcome (33-1); 4, Vanessa Rose (25-1). Star Speeder 8-1 fav. 22 ran. Sh hd, nk. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £22.50; £4.20, £5.40, £5.60, £8.70. DF: £526.90. Trio: £1,185.50. CSF: £211.05. Tricast: £6,449.16.

4.40 (1m) 1, The Deep (D Holland, 7-1); 2, Dover Straits (1-2 fav); 3, Waving (14-1). 19 ran. 1½l, ½l. B Hills. Tote: £12.80; £2.40, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £6.00. CSF: £11.73.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £177,191.81 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £1,618.50.

Salisbury

Going: soft

2.25 (1m) 1, Twin Falls (B Raymond, 1-2 fav); 2, Mystic Hill (6-1); 3, Saafi (7-1). 11 ran. NR: Farnham. 2½l, 12l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.99.

2.55 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Caspian Beluga (J Quinn, 20-1); 2, Mahong (14-1); 3, Mystiv (4-1 fav); 4, Anusha (13-2). 17 ran. NR: Captain Marmalade. 2½l, 3½l. Mrs A Knight. Tote: £17.80; £3.30, £2.30, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £142.30. Trio: £388.30. CSF: £249.26. Tricast: £1,232.14.

3.25 (6f 212yd) 1, Tatami (J Weaver, 11-4); 2, Emaab (8-13 fav); 3, Bluegrass Prince (8-1). 3 ran. Sh hd, 3½l. L Cumani. Tote: £3.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £4.53.

3.55 (1m 6f) 1, Head Turner (Paul Eddery, 7-1); 2, Jolis Absent (9-1); 3, Sirephon (7-1); 4, Smiles Ahead (16-1). Kismetim 5-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Dr Zeva. Sh hd, 1½l. C Wildman. Tote: £11.00; £2.00, £2.40, £2.30, £10.70. DF: £45.20. Trio: £337.90. CSF: £68.49. Tricast: £432.83. Jolis Absent finished first but after an objection and a stewards' enquiry Head Turner was awarded the race.

4.25 (6f) 1, Mazentre Forward (W Newnes, 3-1); 2, Sarumpet City (11-4); 3, Absolutely Fayre (9-1). Majestic Eagle 11-10 fav. 5 ran. 4l, 6l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £6.10. CSF: £10.87.

4.55 (1m) 1, Lawnswood Junior (G Hind, 14-1); 2, Silver Groom (3-1 fav); 3, Sea Baron (16-1); 4, Court Minstrel (12-1). 17 ran. NR: Wide Support. Nk, nk. J Spearing. Tote: £26.10; £4.80, £1.60, £8.40, £3.20. DF: £184.00. Trio: Not won. CSF: £57.99. Tricast: £671.93.

5.25 (1m) 1, Daronne (J Weaver, 3-2); 2, Khamaseen (9-4); 3, Weigh Anchor (12-1). Thabit 8-11 fav. 11 ran. Hd, ¾l. L Cumani. Tote: £5.10; £1.60, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £7.60. CSF: £16.20.

Placepot: £311.60.

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm

2.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Mr Genealogy (A Maguire, 100-30); 2, Legal Artist (5-2); 3, Contract Elite (9-4 fav). 13 ran. 6l, 1½l. J White. Tote: £3.80; £1.50, £1.50, £1.50. DF: £4.70. CSF: £11.83.

2.45 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Mine's An Ace (J Frost, 7-1); 2, Strong Views (6-5 fav); 3, Fastbd (9-4). 8 ran. 2½l, 2l. D Barons. Tote: £7.50; £1.30, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £5.90. CSF: £14.92.

3.15 (2m 7f 110yd hdle) 1, Beniroll (Mr G Lewis, 12-1); 2, Newton Point (11-2); 3, Elegant King (10-1). Strong Medicine & Owen 4-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. NR: Ivors Guest. Hd, dist. P Hobbs. Tote: £14.60; £3.00, £2.10, £2.30. DF: £32.40. Trio: £126.20. CSF: £71.13. Tricast: £629.06.

3.45 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, More Class (G Bradley, 7-4 fav); 2, Copper Mine (9-4); 3, Camelot Knight (9-4). 4 ran. NR: Counterbid. 8l, 12l. C Brooks. Tote: £2.40. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.45.

4.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, Tri Folene (R Dunwoody, 9-4 fav); 2, Little Tom (11-1); 3, Icarus (10-1). 7 ran. 6l, 12l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.90; £2.10, £2.40. DF: £9.50. CSF: £23.14.

4.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Cloghans Bay (R Dunwoody, 15-8 fav); 2, Wild Strawberry (6-1); 3, Sound Carrier (16-1). 14 ran. NR: Mull House. sh hd, 25l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.90; £1.80, £2.10, £3.20. DF: £11.40. CSF: £11.72.

Placepot: £32.90.

Sedgefield

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Invisible Armour (J Callaghan, 9-2); 2, Goldmuc (33-1); 3, Tom The Tank (11-4 fav). 15 ran. NR: Sharp Sensation. 1l, 4l. P Haslam. Tote: £5.50; £1.70, £27.60, £1.60. DF: Not won. CSF: £119.00.

2.50 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Mr Reiner (D Ryan, 3-1); 2, Pims (25-1); 3, Notable Exception (2-1 fav). 9 ran. NR: Dance Of Words. 2½l, 1½l. J Wade. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £3.50, £1.50. DF: £86.50. CSF: £58.94. Tricast: £167.05.

3.20 (3m 3f ch) 1, Radical Lady (J Supple, 9-4); 2, Fosbury (4-1); 3, Mountebor (7-4 fav). 6 ran. 8l, 6l. N Mason. Tote: £3.70; £1.30, £2.40. DF: £5.40. CSF: £10.40.

3.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Down The Road (B Storey, Evens fav); 2, Keep Bidding (10-1); 3, Stague Fort (16-1). 7 ran. NR: Tropnevad. 2½l, 12l. J Johnson. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £5.00. DF: £12.00. CSF: £11.12.

4.20 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Strong Fancy (Mark Roberts, 5-2 fav); 2, High Penhowe (11-2); 3, Road To The Weir (33-1). 9 ran. 1½l, nk. S Kettlewell. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £1.90, £5.60. DF: £10.70. CSF: £16.48. Tricast: £338.31.

4.50 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Classic Contact (J Supple, 4-6 fav); 2, Four Deep (9-4); 3, Noble Bronze (10-1). 6 ran. NR: Farmer's Cross. 5l, 6l. N Mason. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.84.

Placepot: £17.80.

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Lewis wins battle for acceptance by British public

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

AS SO often happens in life, *the door to success opens* suddenly. It has done so for Lennox Lewis, who has been pushing against that door since he came back from Canada four years ago.

It was not so much wealth and fame Lewis was after as acceptance by the British. Now, with barely two days to go to the defence of his World Boxing Council heavyweight title against Frank Bruno, at Cardiff, he knows the country has opened its heart to him.

Perhaps Britain has realised that when two of its citizens are involved in the most important event in British boxing history it would not be fair to throw its weight behind lovable Frank simply because he is lovable Frank.

If Lewis wins, as he should, he believes he will be more popular than Bruno. "People say I'll be the villain if I beat Frank because he's Mr Popular," he said. "But I don't see it like that. My following is going to get even bigger after Saturday." One cannot tell where defeat will leave Bruno, but certainly Lewis's career looks like breaking all records.

What a difference to when Lewis first started out. The media said he could not punch because he did not wipe out his opponents with one mighty swipe like Bruno, and kept telling him he was a Canadian. It did not see him as a potential world champion, he was rather an annoying diversion from the main man, who had had an eye operation and quietly gone into retirement.

Just as Lewis began to have the stage to himself in 1991, back came Bruno out of retirement and spoilt it all. It was not until Lewis had knocked out Donovan "Razor" Ruddock a year later with one blow and received the WBC belt that Riddick Bowe had thrown into a dustbin that Lewis came into prominence. But again it was not enough to sideline Bruno. When Lewis announced that he would defend against Bruno, the bout became known as the "Bruno-Lewis fight".

Lewis's stock has risen in recent weeks following a rash of unflattering articles in the *serious newspapers on Bruno*. Now it is all Lewis, Lewis, Lewis. The papers cannot see Lewis losing on Saturday.

It is just as well that Lewis does not read what the papers say just before his contest. He is not taking Bruno lightly. He cannot afford to make a mistake. There is too much at stake to be complacent. If Lewis can stay away from Bruno's big punch, he stands to make $100 million from bouts with Tommy Morrison, Bowe and Mike Tyson. Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, believes the bout with Tyson will be a multi-million dollar affair.

Lewis's sparring partner, Cleveland Woods, does not think Lewis will beat Tyson,

> 'People say I'll be the villain if I beat Frank because he's Mr Popular. But my following will be bigger by Saturday'

but Ollie Dunlap, Lewis's American camp coordinator, who worked with Sugar Ray Leonard throughout the great man's career, says that Lewis would win all three bouts.

"I don't see any one of them beating Lennox, because they have reached their peak and Lennox is head and shoulders above them and still learning," he said. "He has all the potential in the world and I've been with him two years and I haven't seen that potential slipping. It's still climbing."

According to Maloney and Dunlap, Lewis is assured of success because he is not motivated by money but by competition. "You know what Lennox bought with his money from the Tucker fight? A hi-fi set," Maloney said.

Dunlap said: "To Lennox it's not a matter of money but simply being a competitor. Bowe and Tyson are obstacles that have to be climbed. He's a competitor because he's an athlete. He is totally professional, he's disciplined. That's why he'll beat Bowe and Tyson. Bowe is going to be a great fight, that's the stardom fight. Then when he beats Tyson he becomes the celebrity."

Dunlap, who lives near Bowe in Washington, said that the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion had put on too much weight even though he has a title defence against Evander Holyfield in November.

"Bowe looks like a rhino," he said. "He's huge. I saw him in the supermarket and did a double take. He's huge like Buster Douglas. I would say he's 280lb, 50 over his best fighting weight. He doesn't do his marketing with one trolley, he uses two trolleys. That's a sign of not being a very professional person. When you let your body slide and you accept your weight, your weight keeps going up.

"That's the difference between Lennox and Bowe. When Bowe comes to train he has to spend two or three weeks of his precious training time taking off weight first. When Lennox comes to camp he is ready to go to work. I sit and watch him and marvel and what he can do at 6ft 5in and 235lb."

Dunlap is certain Lewis's athleticism and dedication will one day make him one of the world's great heavyweight champions.

Bowe himself, although going with the popular vote in tipping Lewis to win, believes that Bruno is capable of causing a surprise. Bowe yesterday forecast a Lewis victory in the latter stages of the bout, but added: "Bruno is a big puncher, and I don't think that Lennox Lewis takes a punch that good. If Bruno can lock up and get close enough to him and pop him then you might see a different winner."

He also backed himself to beat Holyfield, and said that he then hoped to take on Lewis next year. "I would like Lennox Lewis to win," he said. "I don't want anybody to beat him until I fight him. I know for a fact that I can beat him."

MARC ASPLAND



Lewis faces the immediate future with confidence yesterday as manager Maloney acts as chief cheerleader in the champion's camp

Maloney remains true to his roots

Andrew Longmore examines what motivates the man behind the rise of Lennox Lewis

If all goes according to schedule in the early hours of Saturday morning, Frank Maloney will enjoy one of the happiest moments of his life. Not just the sight of his man, Lennox Lewis, finishing the career of Frank Bruno once and for all, but the chance to offer a hand of sympathy to Mickey Duff, Bruno's match maker. The scene has been played once before, on the night Lewis exposed the inadequacies of Gary Mason, and Duff refused the gesture.

Maloney has a professional respect for the way Duff has handled Bruno, but no more than that. "Bruno has been lucky to fight for the world title once let alone three times," Maloney said. "They have done a great management job on him, but he no longer has a hold on the people. He's been exposed and the public want to see him exposed again. That's the truth in boxing terms." If he is wrong, Maloney himself will suffer from exposure, having promised on national radio to walk naked from John O'Groats to Land's End should Bruno win.

Maloney has tried hard to ward off the airs and graces of sudden fame. He has moved to New Malden in the Surrey suburbs, but still does much of his business back in the pubs of the East End, his spiritual home. He goes to the theatre instead of watching his beloved Millwall, but carries tapes of their matches on his expensive travels. He still drives a battered old BMW. Just when you think an ego might burst out of the self-deprecation, he pauses and, with unsoftened Cockney accent, adds: "It's all thanks to Lennox, of course."

If the old saying — "You can take the man out of the streets, but not the streets out of the man" — is true, Peckham High Road remains the quickest route to Maloney's heart.

He might still have been there, wheeling and dealing, selling a few tickets to friends, pulling pints in his pub, hyping small-time fighters in even smaller halls, had not a journalist tipped him off four years ago about the East End ancestry of Lewis, an Olympic gold medal-winner and the hottest prospect in the heavyweight ranks. Lewis had moved to Canada but had been born within shouting distance of Upton Park.

At the time, all Maloney had on his side was a vision, a pioneering spirit and the belief that whatever society had told him he was as smart as the next man. He had revived boxing at long forgotten venues and made history by promoting a show on a Sunday, but to climb the ladder he needed a fighter. Lewis was the answer.

"When I first met Lennox [at Heathrow airport in 1989], I knew from his eyes he was different from other boxers," Maloney said. "No gold bangles or flashy clothes. He wasn't going to sign just for money, he didn't want to listen to chat, he wanted facts. So I had to get him to believe in me."

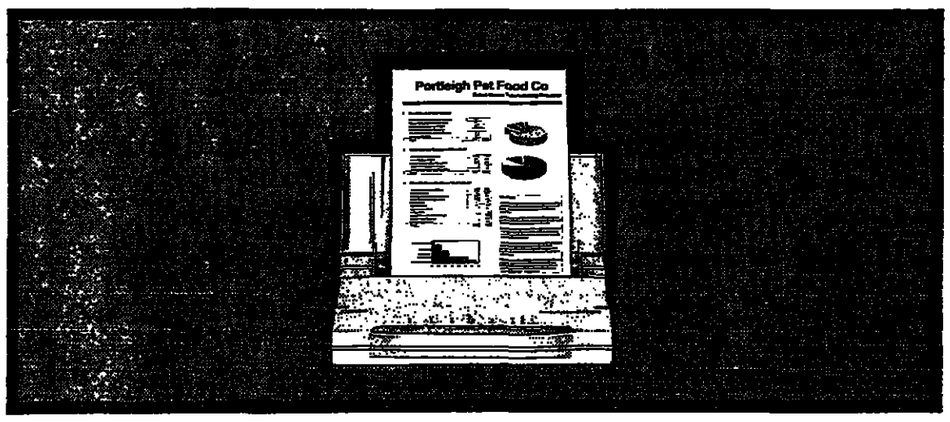
It took 12 weeks of persuasion, and the financial backing of the then powerful Levitt Group, before Lewis finally signed. Against all odds, the relationship, which is not as unequal as the difference between a 6ft 5in world heavyweight champion and a 5ft 4in flyweight considered too small to turn professional might suggest, has not only survived but flourished.

Maloney is smart enough to know his place, to recognise that the feudal balance of power between manager and boxer would not be enough for Lewis. "Lennox is much smarter than me anyway and he speaks better," he says, without joking. Lewis, in his turn, has refused to be swayed by the bullying of Don King or the doubts of everyone else.

Together, they have done little wrong. So far. But, for Maloney, the personal price has been high. His marriage has fallen apart, his daughter has grown up without him and his pride has been battered mercilessly.

"I destroyed my life for this and if I hadn't had a thick skin, I would have committed suicide long ago. I've not done it for the money, but to prove to myself and others that I can do it." Has it been worth it? "After the Ruddock fight, all I could do was cry. The day I signed him, the day he won the British title — I've had moments of excitement I could not have reached any other way. But, of course, it's all down to Lennox."

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Tactical switch keeps crew in contention



Lawrie Smith, skipper of Fortuna, remains optimistic despite a dramatic start to their world voyage

WE'RE hanging in there. Despite the loss of our mizzen mast and, with it, half the sail area on our Whitbread maxi yacht, Fortuna, we are running within 16 miles of two of our closest rivals, La Poste and Merit Cup, thanks to a tactical decision taken two days ago to head out into the Atlantic in search of stronger winds.

Fortuna and Ross Field's 60ft Yamaha were the first to reach the fresher north westerly breeze and the results were immediate. Yamaha shot up from eighth place to first overnight and we have held our own against the maxis. If only Fortuna still had her mizzen mast, these early 30 to 35 knot winds would have pushed us 100 miles ahead by now.

Instead, we have to keep one step ahead of the changing weather patterns — and our opposition — to offset the two to three knots in speed we lost when the mizzen fell over the side last Sunday. The difficulty will come when we hit lighter weather nearer the Equator. Then, we are reconciled to losing 40 to 50 miles a day on the leaders.

On board, the calamities continue. Russell Pickthall, who began the race suffering from bronchial pneumonia, has now gone down with a stomach bug. Worse still, Dave Powys, our Australian "fixer", got his left hand trapped in one of the mainsheet blocks and lost the tips of two fingers. Fortunately, the damage, though excruciatingly painful, is limited to skin and nails.

We called up Roger Nilson, the doctor skippering Intrum Justitia, who advised our medic to give him a pain-killer and bandage the wounds. With luck, the nails will grow back and Dave will suffer no long-term damage.

With the pair taking to their bunks, Billy Heffernan nursing two broken teeth and a split lip from the start and Andrew Nash, our last-minute replacement cook, suffering a bout of seasickness, Fortuna has begun to resemble a hospital ship. Thankfully, Andrew, who had been sailing only twice before stepping on Fortuna, has now begun to gain his sea legs.

Certainly, it has been a traumatic time. We have experienced more problems during the first four days of this race than we encountered during the entire Whitbread race four years ago.

The crew has now cut away all that remained of Fortuna's mizzen and rigging that had been swaying dangerously about in the wind and could have caused further damage. This, coupled with the four sails lost overboard when the mast broke, has at least given us more room on the boat as well as lightened our displacement.

The crew is now looking at the positive aspects. After experiencing so many traumas, things can only start to get better. Roll on Punta del Este and the arrival of a new mizzen.

Powys is keeping busy making lists of replacements we require to be flown out with the new spar. Once that is in the boat, we look forward to showing the world just what Fortuna can do during the long second stage of the race to Fremantle, Australia.

La Poste suffers in strong winds

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE problems continued yesterday for the yachts chasing the early honours on the first stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race.

As 30-knot north-westerly winds pushed the leaders down the Portuguese coast, Daniel Malle, the skipper of the French ketch-rigged maxi, La Poste, was the first to report trouble as the strength of wind twisted the yacht's mizzen mast out of column. The damage has forced Malle and his crew to haul down their mizzen mainsail, but they hope to continue to fly gennakers from it.

The crew on Merit Cup were busy yesterday repairing blown sails after being blasted by the same north-westerly trade winds and Roger Nilson's 60ft European entry, Intrum Justitia, lost the use of one of her two steering wheels after broaching wildly.

"We have been in some strong winds during the last 24 hours and have ripped two spinnakers, one of which looks a bit of a mess, but we are working fast to fix the problems," one of Nilson's crewmen, Pierre Mas, reported.

The fastest boat yesterday was Ross Field's New Zealand-built 60-footer, Yamaha, which covered 202 miles in 12 hours to lift the crew up from eighth to first in fleet for a short period. Later, Tokio, skippered by another New Zealander, Chris Dickson, re-established a five-mile lead.

Britain's Dolphin & Youth crew, skippered by Matt Humphries, which chose to take an extreme easterly course in the hope of picking up stronger trade winds close to the Portuguese coast, lost out initially, but are now revelling in the same conditions.

"The crew love it," Humphries said. "We have dropped back in the fleet to sixth among the Whitbread 60 class, but will be back up to the front in a couple of days if these conditions hold."

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ), 4,950 miles; 2, Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 4,939m; 3, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 4,949m; 4, Winston (D Conner, US), 4,948m; 5, Intrum Justitia (R Nilson, Eur), 4,976m; 6, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 5,024m; 7, Heiman Sahaldachny (E Platon, Ukr), 5,069m; 8, US Women's Challenge (N Frank, US), 5,153m; 9, Brookfield (G Mickeo, It), 5,207. Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 4,937m; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 4,959m; 4, La Poste (C Malle, Fr), 4,970m; 4, Fortuna (L Smith, Sp), 5,005m; 5, Uruguay Natural (G Verzin, Uru), 5,174.

Webster to sign Salford contract

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THREE years after the last defection, Welsh rugby union has been unable to prevent Richard Webster from moving to rugby league. The Swansea and British Isles flanker, capped 13 times by Wales, will today sign a five-year contract with Salford worth about £150,000.

After rejecting the original offer by the first division club, Webster, 26, accepted a deal in Manchester last night after securing agreement on a £25,000 signing-on fee and passing a medical examination. He becomes the fifteenth Wales international to switch codes since Terry Holmes moved to Bradford Northern in 1985, and represents a coup for a sport that had seemingly lost its financial appeal.

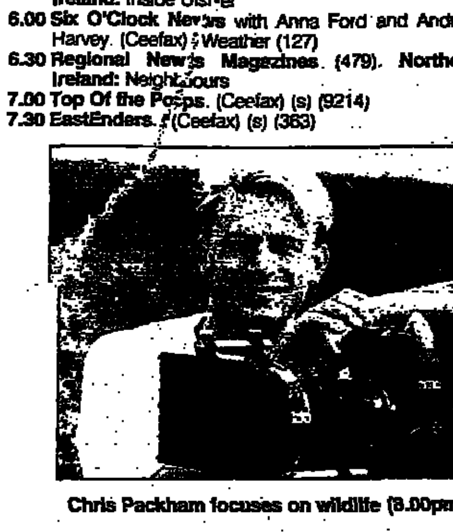
Since Hull lured Mark Jones from Neath in November 1990, the Welsh Rugby Union had stemmed the tide northwards. Its "welfare programme" has been generally successful, but Webster's decision to move will rekindle the debate in Wales about professionalism.

One of the most celebrated defectors, Jonathan Davies, will captain Wales in the opening match of New Zealand's tour at Swansea on Sunday from stand-off half, where he played for Widnes last season. Although he is now revelling in his old role at centre with Warrington where, in five games, he has scored 56 points, including four tries, the transition to half-back is logical given his experience.

WALES: P Ford (Salford); G Cordle (Bradford Northern), A Bateman (Warrington), J Devereux (Widnes), A Sullivan (St Helens); J Davies (capt, Warrington), K Ellis (Warrington); D Young (Salford), Barry Williams (Carlisle), M Jones (Hull), I Mallow (Wakefield Trinity), R Phillips (Warrington), J Griffiths (St Helens). Substitutes: A Hadley (Widnes), G Pearce (Ryedale-York), Peter Williams (Salford), R Ackerman (Cardiff Institute AFC).

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (48585)
7.00 Breakfast News (33041011)
9.05 King of the Road Ross King and Julie Peasgood meet fitness expert Clayton Marshall (s) (1514479)
9.30 Labour Live. Coverage of the Labour party conference in Brighton (s) (79721)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1270214) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7057189) **10.30 Bunyip** (r) (1453672)
10.35 Labour Live. Further coverage from Brighton (s) (59322769) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29131924)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (82856)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (61671585) **1.50 Going For Gold** with the suave Henry Kelly (s) (61875301)
2.15 Film: The Early Bird (1965). So-so Norman Wisdom comedy in which he is a milkman with an independent dairy who decides to wage war on the owner of a large concern who is stealing his customers. Directed by Robert Asher (986672)
3.50 Blinky Bill. A new cartoon series about a koala bear (s) (8929011) **4.15 Get Your Own Back.** The first of a new series of the game show (s) (8056108) **4.35 Uncle Jack and Cleopatra's Mummy.** The first of a six-part children's comedy drama starring Paul Jones. (Ceefax) (s) (1829363)
5.00 Newsround (5049276) **5.10 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (2004189)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (827721). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (127)
6.30 Regional News Magazines. (479). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top Of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (9214)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (363)

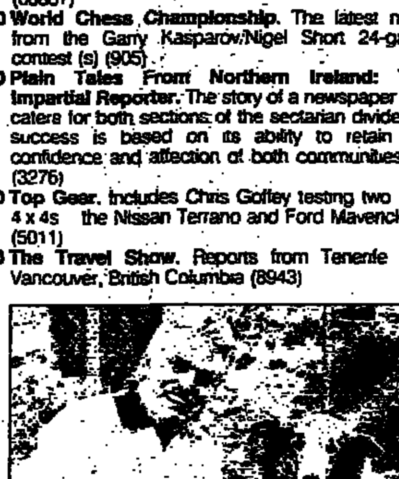


Chris Packham focuses on wildlife (8.00pm)

8.00 Nature Detectives: Last in the public access series. This week a woman looks for parakeets along the Thames, a Somerset man helps stem the decline in barn owls, a man rears butterflies in a converted South Downs greenhouse and Moray Firth dolphin watchers witness underwater activity. Presented by Chris Packham. (Ceefax) (s) (5634)
8.30 Waiting For God. Comedy series set in a retirement home. (Ceefax) (s) (4769)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2841)
9.30 One Foot in the Grave. Victor's brother makes his once-every-25-years visit from New Zealand. Starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crobie (r). (Ceefax) (s) (93301)
10.00 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina and Patsy take time off from the exciting world of fashion for a peaceful holiday in Provence (r). (Ceefax) (s) (56382). **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight
10.30 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons in Brighton. The guests are John Edmonds, general secretary of the General Municipal and Boilermakers' union and MPs Tony Blair, David Mellor and Liz Lynne (70382). **Northern Ireland:** Absolutely Fabulous 11.00 Question Time 12.00-12.50 Spenser for Hire; **Wales:** The Slate 11.20 Question Time 12.20-1.10 Spenser for Hire
11.30 Spenser for Hire. Boston-based private detective series (s) (918360) **12.20am Weather** (4352401)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (60438)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (2512030)
8.00 Breakfast News (2073081)
8.15 Reviving Antiques. Advice on looking after pewter and tin (r). (Ceefax) (3167721)
8.20 Designs On Europe. A profile of Irish architect Sam Stephenson (r) (Ceefax) (6945189)
9.00 Daytime on Two: The Spanish Collection (1506450) **9.25** Standard Grade Geography (4384818) **9.45** Come Outside (3185905) **10.00** Thunderbirds in French (1278856) **10.05** Seeing Through Science (7088059) **10.30** Ghostwriter (62943) **11.00** Q & A (6058045) **11.10** Landmarks: Tudors and Stuarts (7456872) **11.30** Ici Paris (8250547) **11.45** History File (8262382) **12.05** The Geography Programme (1492721) **12.25** Lifeschool (3165130) **12.50** Computing For the Terrified (2396837) **1.20** Bertha (77253479) **1.35** PC Pinkerton (52379092) **1.40** Music Time (61660479)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60084566) **2.05 Come Outside** (r) (79116437)
2.15 Labour Live Further coverage of the Labour party conference in Brighton (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather (28520653)
5.30 From the Edge. The first of a new magazine series on disability matters (Ceefax) (856)
6.00 Film: South of St Louis (1949) starring Joel McCrea, Alexis Smith and Zachary Scott. Humdrum western about three men who turn to gun-running after their jointly-owned ranch is burnt down at the beginning of the civil war. Directed by Ray Enright (68837)
7.30 World Chess Championship. The latest news from the Garry Kasparov/Nigel Short 24-game contest (s) (905)
8.00 Plain Tales From Northern Ireland: The Impartial Reporter. The story of a newspaper that caters for both sections of the sectarian divide. Its success is based on its ability to retain the confidence and affection of both communities (s) (3276)
8.30 Top Gear. Includes Chris Goffey testing two new 4 x 4s the Nissan Terrano and Ford Maverick (s) (5011)
9.00 The Travel Show. Reports from Tenerife and Vancouver, British Columbia (8943)



Lassie, the Hollywood celebrity (9.30pm)

9.30 The Dog's Tale. (Ceefax) See Choice (404189)
10.10 Small Objects Of Desire: The Syringe. (Ceefax) See Choice (703479)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (550127)
11.15 The Late Show. Includes reviews of Channel 4's *Tales of the City* and Harold Pinter's *Moonlight* (s) (601585) **11.55 Weather** (326672)
12.00 Jumpcuts. The weekend's Open University programmes previewed (4792081)
12.05am Instruments Under Wraps. The use of Cellophane (r) (2179569). Ends at **12.35**

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CHOICE



Asian women protest against low pay (C4, 9.00pm)

Critical Eye: The Women of 10 Downing Street
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A report from Birmingham charts a year-long strike by a group of Asian women for union recognition, equal pay with men, higher wages and safer working conditions. Their company, a metal finishing factory at Smethwick, shares the same address as John Major. The film treats the women sympathetically, emphasising their courage and solidarity, while showing how Conservative union legislation has undermined their chances of success. Their union, the GMB, knows this and promotes a cautious line. As a result the women seek help elsewhere and the GMB has to struggle to maintain its authority. The company denies it is running a sweatshop but £115 for a 56-hour week does not seem over-generous.

Small Objects of Desire: The Syringe
BBC2, 10.10pm

With the unexpected help of Frank Sinatra, Tony Hancock and Sherlock Holmes another everyday object produces another little gem of a film. The syringe hardly seems worth spending 20 minutes on but once you start thinking about blood transfusions and anaesthetics and immunisation against disease, the time is very soon filled. Along the way there is no shortage of fascinating facts. Did you know that Christopher Wren was one of the first people to experiment with injecting drugs or that Hitler was given amphetamines five times a day? The film ends on the irony that having helped to eradicate disease, the syringe in the age of Aids has become one of the most potent ways of spreading it.

Taggart: Instrument of Justice
ITV, 9.00pm

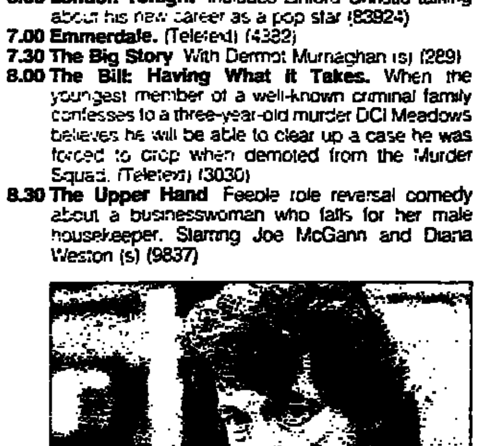
Mark McManus's unlaughing policeman is back, being predictably miserable about his birthday and criticising his wife for bothering to remember it. If the poor woman was not confined to a wheelchair she would surely have walked out on him years ago. Luckily there is plenty going on at work to stop him from thinking about his advancing years. Hardly have the opening credits rolled than a supergrass (Tommy Boyle), key witness in the trial of Glasgow's number one villain, escapes from police custody. Taggart is under investigation. To make him feel even more gloomy, an axe murderer strikes twice in the same evening. The story is spread over three episodes. It should have no difficulty filling the time.

The Dog's Tale
BBC2, 9.30pm

The bitty but entertaining series on man's relationship with dogs focuses on fame. It demonstrates the various routes to canine celebrity, such as Hollywood films, television commercials, winning at Cruft's and being photographed with politicians. The message is consistent. Dogs become famous because human beings need them. At one of the lowest points of his career Richard Nixon went on television and tugged at the heart strings over a little cocker spaniel called Checkers. A pot of paint on its own is not the most appealing of products. But put an Old English sheepdog with it, as Dulux has been doing for 30 years, and you are selling not just a can of chemicals but warmth and domesticity. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (2250112)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep Game show set in a supermarket (s) (1503363) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7066537)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series presented by John Stapleton (s) (8393189)
10.35 This Morning Weekday family magazine (4644283) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3545363)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville (Teletext) (2307943)
12.55 Emmerdale A repeat of Tuesday's episode (Teletext) (2362634) **1.25 Home and Away.** Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (66246769) **1.55 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (61669740)
2.20 ITN News headlines (60091856) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (60090127)
2.30 TV Weekly presented by Eamonn Holmes (566) **3.00 The Young Doctors.** Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (2301)
3.30 Tots TV (s) (3485672) **3.40 The Riddlers** (7441491) **3.50 Cartoon** With Bugs Bunny (r) (1041455) **4.00 The Spooks of Bottle Bay.** Puppet adventures (8210721) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club** presented by Rolf Harris (r) (831653) **4.45 Bad Influence** Computer and video games reviewed by Violet Berlin and Andy Crane (1843943)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2585740)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (451837)
6.00 London Tonight Includes Linford Christie talking about his new career as a pop star (83924)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (4382)
7.30 The Big Story With Dermot Murnaghan (s) (289)
8.00 The Bill: Having What it Takes. When the youngest member of a well-known criminal family confesses to a three-year-old murder DCI Meadows believes he will be able to clear up a case he was forced to drop when demoted from the Murder Squad. (Teletext) (3030)
8.30 The Upper Hand Feeble role reversal comedy about a businesswoman who falls for her male housekeeper. Starring Joe McGann and Diana Weston (s) (9837)

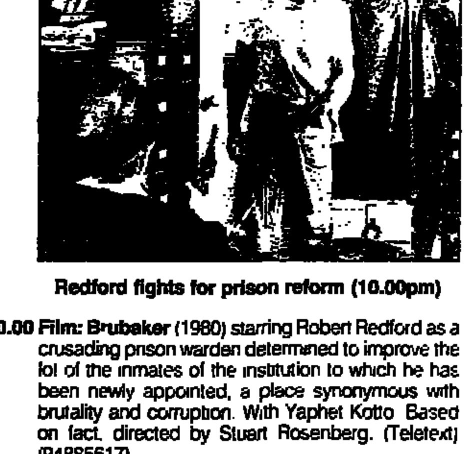


Tommy Boyle as a missing witness (9.00pm)

9.00 Taggart. (Teletext) See Choice (3363)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (41450) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (394653)
10.40 Big City. London leisure guide (606818)
11.15 Billy. The pilot episode of an American comedy series that has been panned, starring Billy Connolly (767063)
11.40 Raw Soup. Includes comedian Sean Hughes and a discussion on fear (788108)
12.40am Beyond Reality. The first of a 22-part drama series about the work of two parapsychologists (4360420)
1.10 Donahue. Phil Donahue's guests are eligible millionaires looking for someone to love (2132975)
2.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (44265)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (95246)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (97082)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure time guide (r) (s) (70739) **5.00 Riviera.** French drama serial (70449)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (55449)

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff Cat cartoon adventures (735xxxx) **6.45 Wowser** Animated canine capers (4P914 50)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (72479)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (68127)
9.30 Schools (932189)
12.00 Profiles Of Nature: Birds in Winter. Jean-Louis Frund's wildlife film of how birds survive the harsh Canadian winter (48363)
12.30 Sesame Street. A new series of repeats of the entertaining early-learning programme begins with guests, the all-women pop group En Vogue (63021)
1.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 1.35 (Godolphin Stakes), 2.05 (Bailey's Horse Feeds Nursery Handicap), 2.35 (Newgate Stud Middle Park Stakes) and 3.10 (Ladbroke Handicap) (64160)
3.30 The Times World Chess Championship Game 11 of the best of 24-contest between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short at the Savoy Theatre, London (36653)
4.30 Countdown. More words and numbers questions posed by Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (672)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are mothers who were told that their babies were still-born or died early only to discover years later that the child had been sold for adoption (Teletext) (9660740)
5.50 Mistertao. Animation by Bruno Bozzetto about a mountaineer who climbs his way to heaven (976837)
6.00 Trash Talk. Series combining an exploration of American culture with the country's football season This week Albert Thompson and Tessa Langmead are in Atlanta as the home team prepare to meet the Pittsburg Steelers (837)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Computer and video games magazine show presented by Dexter Fletcher with Patrick Moore (189)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (5721)
8.00 The Times World Chess Championship An update on game 11 between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short (1672)
8.30 The Music Game Quiz show introduced by Tony Slattery. The guests include Michelle Collins, from the cast of *EastEnders*, singer Rosemary Ashe and composer of the *Morse* theme tune, Barrington Pheloung (s) (7479)
9.00 Critical Eye: The Women of 10 Downing Street. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (1905)



Redford fights for prison reform (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Brubaker (1980) starring Robert Redford as a crusading prison warden determined to improve the lot of the inmates of the institution to which he has been newly appointed, a place synonymous with brutality and corruption. With Yaphet Kotto. Based on fact, directed by Stuart Rosenberg. (Teletext) (94885617)
12.25am The Times World Chess Championship. Analysis of game 11 (5024230)
12.55 Film: Invention Of Destruction (1958) A feature-length version of Jules Verne's novel about the kidnapping of an absent-minded scientist by a ruthless pirate using live actors against an animated background. Directed by Karel Zeman (835523) Ends at **2.30**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Antique Records Roadshow **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Adrian Love **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Chris Stuart **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** British Country: Albert Lee and his band, Hogan's Heroes **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Let's Make a Story; **9.15** Together: An Assembly for Schools; **9.35** Listen and Read 1; **9.45** Letterbox; **9.55** Poetry Corner; **10.05** In the News **10.25** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Topolski's Travels. Daniel Topolski joins Aboriginal students in Australia **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Box 13 **7.15** Lively Stones: A Flock of Gryphons **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Student Guide **9.30** Spinechillers: Richard E Grant on the history of the horror film **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.30am** BBC English **5.45** News and Press Review in German **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Europe Today **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** As I Recall **11.30** Two Cheers for September **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** BBC English **12.45** Mittagsmagazin **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *Jean De Florette* **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** Ray on Record **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** BBC English **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News in German **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Europe Today **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Opera House **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Cover Her Face **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** Focus on Faith **5.00** News **5.15** The Cello on Record

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Poulenc (Harpsichord Concerto: Aimée van der Wiele; Paris Conservatoire Orchestra under Georges Prêtre) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Stanford (Irish Rhapsody No 4 in A minor; Clarinet Concerto in A minor; Three Motets, Op 38) **10.00** John Brish **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters (2585740) **6.00** Home And Away (248566) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (108127) **10.30** Anglia News (394653) **10.40** Wideangle (876566) **11.10** First Take (762030) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (213932) **12.35am** Film: Something To Hide (135449) **2.20** Superstars Of Wrestling (6636265) **3.00** America's Top 10 (95246) **3.30** The New Music (18975) **4.30** Riviera (55644420) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2758284)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (61669740) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (2301) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2585740) **6.00** Home And Away (248566) **6.25** Central News (256585) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (377837) **10.30** Central News (394653) **10.40** Film: Blind Alley (51539479) **12.20am** Hollywood Report (8379807) **12.50** The Little Picture Show (5265569) **1.50** 60 Minutes (2531197) **2.45** Raw Power (700975) **3.45** Quiz Night (16178) **4.15** Jobs (7010823) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8952401)

GRANADA

As London except: 3.00-3.30 Sons and Daughters (2301) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2585740) **6.00** Home and Away (295) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (547) **10.30** Granada News (394653) **10.40** A Postcard From Brighton (876566) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (710672) **12.05am** The Twilight Zone (2074915) **12.35** Film: Something To Hide (135449) **2.20** Superstars Of Wrestling (6636265) **3.00** America's Top 10 (95246) **3.30** The New Music (18975) **4.30** Riviera (55644420) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2758284)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61669740) **3.00-3.30** Take The High Road (2301) **6.00** HTV News (295) **6.30-7.00** Disaster Chronicles (547) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (394653) **10.40** The West This Week (543837) **11.25** Let Loose (656030) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (213932) **12.35am** Film: Something To Hide (135449) **2.20** Superstars Of Wrestling (6636265) **3.00** America's Top 10 (95246) **3.30** The New Music (18975) **4.30** Riviera (55644420) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2758284)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (295) **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme (547) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (289) **10.40** A Slice Of Life (543837) **11.25-11.40** Weekend Ahead! (656030)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 3.00-3.30 Shortland Street (2301) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (295) **6.30-7.00** Time Off (547) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (394653) **10.40** The Pier (606818) **11.15** The Listings (520276) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (716856) **12.15am-12.40** Coach (4948772)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 5.55 Tyne Tees News (836721) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (547) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (394653) **10.40** Children Of The Bomb (543837) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (715127) **12.20am** Film: Confessions Of A Married Man (620607) **2.05** America's Top 10 (8287739) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6448197) **3.05** Film: Desperate Moment (562826) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (5425468)

ULSTER

As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live (83924) **10.30** UTV Live (394653) **10.40** Counterpoint (876566) **11.10** Dome of delight (762030) **11.40** RPM (213932) **12.35am** Film: Something To Hide (135449) **2.20** Wrestling (6636265) **3.00** America's Top 10 (95246) **3.30** The New Music (18975) **4.30-4.55** Riviera (55644420)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Sullivans (61669740) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (2301) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (83924) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (394653) **10.40** Special Report (876566) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (710672) **12.05am** Jack Thompson Down Under (2074915) **12.35** Film: Something To Hide (135449) **2.20** Superstars Of Wrestling (6636265) **3.00** America's Top 10 (95246) **3.30** The New Music (18975) **4.30** Riviera (55644420) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.55 Calendar News (836721) **6.30-7.00** Talkabout (547) **10.30** Calendar News (394653) **10.40** Edr V (543837) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (715127) **12.20am** Film: Confessions Of A Married Man (620607) **2.05** America's Top 10 (8287739) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6448197) **3.05** Film: Desperate Moment (562826) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (5425468)

S4C

Starts: 9.00 You Bet Your Life (68127) **9.30** Schools (932189) **12.00pm** Alfred J Kwak (48363) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (73547) **1.00** Profiles Of Nature (75566) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing (64160) **3.30** Opening Shot (653) **4.00** Slot 23 (4127) **5.00** The Cosby Show (2160) **5.30** Countdown (924) **6.00** Newyddion (321363) **6.25** Heno (104769) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2924) **7.30** O'r Gorad (31276) **8.30** Newyddion (7479) **9.00** Taro Naw (3011) **9.30** mr don and mr george (86011) **10.00** Film: Sex, Lies And Videotape (352818) **11.50** Nurses (899818) **12.15am** World Chess Championship (99401) **12.45** Motorway Music Years (98772)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Generals of the Revolution. Bessemer and Steel **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor, including Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 6 in B flat, BWV 1051); Fauré (Trois Romances sans paroles, Op 17); Mozart (Concertone in C, K190); Biber (Ne Cedite Mentes); Glazunov (Elégie, Op 44); Stanford (Irish Rhapsody No 2 in F minor, Op 84)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Stravinsky. Fireworks (London Symphony Orchestra under Antal Dorati); Symphony in C (CBC Symphony Orchestra under the composer); Cantata (Yvonne Kenny, soprano, John Aler, tenor; London Sinfonietta under Esa-Pekka Salonen)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Artist of the Week: Rafael Kubelik. Wagner (Overture, Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg: Berlin PO); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C: Geza Anda; Bavarian RSO); Jan Kubelik (Minuet in the Old Style: Vaclav Snitil, violin, Josef Hala, piano); Suk (String Quartet in B flat, Op 11: Kocian Quartet); Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor: Bavarian RSO under Rafael Kubelik)
12.00 Chausson and Haydn: Chausson (Très calme, String Quartet in C minor, Op 35); Haydn (Variations in F minor, H XVII 6); Chausson (Concerto in D, Op 21) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under David Robertson performs Strauss (Don Juan); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G: Pascal Devoyon); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 6 in E minor)
2.25 Russian Piano Music: Ian Munro, piano, performs Gubaidulina (Musical Toys); Grechaninov (A Child's Day, Op 109); Rachmaninov (Moments Musicaux, Op 16)
3.20 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier, with James MacDonald Reid, bagpipes, Igor Oistrakh, violin, performs Maxwell Davies (An Orkney Wedding with Sunrise), Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2); Shostakovich (Symphony No 10)
5.00 In Tune, presented by Michael Berkeley
7.25 Live from Covent Garden: The Royal Opera House Chorus and Orchestra under Carlo Rizzi performs Act 1 of Rossini's comic opera, *L'Italiana in Algeri* (The Italian Girl in Algiers), to a libretto by Angelo Anelli. Sung in Italian With Marilyn Horne as Isabella, Bruce Ford as Lindoro and Alessandro Corbelli as Taddeo. **8.35** Marilyn Horne talks to Rodney Milnes about her career as an opera singer. **8.55** Act 2
10.30 Gershwin: Rhapsody No 2 (Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra under Michael Tilson Thomas, piano)
10.45 Night Waves: Includes a first night review of *Troilus and Cressida* at the Contact Theatre, Manchester
11.30 Brahms and Grieg Songs: Anne Sofie von Otter, soprano, Bengt Forsberg, piano, Nils-Erik Sparf, viola, perform Brahms (Eight Gypsy Songs, Op 103; Two Songs, Op 91). Grieg (Haughtussa)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.30 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra: Shakespeare *Julius Caesar*

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Birthday! by Fay Weldon. Read in two parts by Julie Christie **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.30 Opinion: Sir Claus Moser argues that Britain should be pushing more people into higher education
10.00-10.30 Naked Nuns (FM only): The first of a six-part serial by Colin Watson about vice and violence in the peaceful market town of Flaxborough. With John Rowe as Inspector Purbright and Paul Downing as Sergeant Love
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Psalms. Read by Hannah Gordon (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Elizabeth Dawn, Vera Duckworth in *Coronation Street* Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Trivia Test Match. Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge from Stoke D'Abernon Cricket Club, Surrey. With Tim Rice, Willie Rushton, Bill Franklyn and Rachael Heyhoe Flint **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke and James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; A Great Gulf Fixed: In Jonathan Myerson's play tension escalates on a London estate as lethal arson attacks and the mugging of a policewoman replace vandalism and drug-dealing. With Richard Ellyn as Geoff and Brian Hibbard as Willis
3.00 News; Soapbox: Scientist Colin Blakemore talks about philistinism, musician Pat Kane is against relentless humour and journalist Bea Campbell discusses the myth of the underclass. Presented by David Mellor, MP
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the musical, *Forever Plaid*, and the Northern Ballet's production of *Cinderella*, and talks to the theatrical impresario Sir Peter Hall
4.45 Short Story: Annie's Hands, by Alison Leonard. Read by Elizabeth Morgan
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation: See Choice
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Dirty Tricks: See Choice
8.00 Across the Border: Billy Kay explores the importance of the Anglo-Scottish border today
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Presented by Ted Harrison. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Strange Loyalties, by William McIlvanney. Read by Tom Watson (9/10)
11.00 Soho Nights. The first of a five-part serial by Bernard Kops, based on his experience of London in the fifties. With Ronan Vibert, Patrick Toomey and Federay Holmes
11.30 Brief Lives, presented by Joanna Buchan (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Dirty Tricks: The Lessons of Troy. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

As enthusiastic on radio as he is on television, presenter Peter Snow leaps over the famous wooden horse with scarcely a mention of it in this, the first of four features about military deception. It is not, anyway, the Trojan wars he is bursting to tell us about, but how the British spectacularly fooled the Germans in the two world wars, at Amiens and in north Africa. Denied the battlefield models he plays with like favourite toys on television, he has to settle for the comments of military experts and the BBC sound archives. The scripts are not his, though, but are by the writer and broadcaster David Owen.

Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation. *Radio 4, 6.30pm.*

If Hardy could slow down his joke speed from its present 120 mph to something like 70, his lecture would sound less like the frenzied closing seconds of a Grand National commentary. His theme is how to live longer and look fitter. His jokes, and those of his *confrères*, Debbie Isitt and Stephen Frost, are sharp and, except for a sacrilegious one about Christ, should not cause offence to Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (78687382) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4456158) **9.10** Cartoons (1148634) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (29011) **10.00** Card Sharks (6630943) **10.25** Concentration (3569837) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9729382) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (13740) **12.00** E Street (16653) **12.30pm** Three's Company (39127) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (27382) **2.00** Roots: The Next Generation (7325030) **2.55** Another World (5226943) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (7294950) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8127) **6.00** Games World (5769) **6.30** E Street (9721) **7.00** Rescue (9856) **7.30** Full House (5905) **8.00** The Paper Chase (60011) **9.00** China Beach (57547) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as 5pm) (50634) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (49455)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (68568) **9.30** ABC Nightline (26653) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (88905) **11.30** Japan Business Today (34108) **12.30pm** World News and Business Report (37769) **1.30** CBS Morning News (29740) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (5382) **3.30** Nightline (7127) **4.30** World News and Business Report (2818) **5.00** Live at Five (6769) **7.30** The Reporters (3547) **8.30** Talkback (17905) **11.30** CBS Evening News (81653) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (71913) **1.30** The Reporters (77178) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (27886) **3.30** Talkback (88333) **4.30** The Reporters (49536) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (63523)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (8638818)
10.00 Darling Lili (1970) Romantic comedy with Rock Hudson and Julie Andrews (33943)
12.00 The Wackiest Ship in the Army (1960) A dilapidated gunship acts as a decoy in the South Pacific during the second world war. With Jack Lemmon (85289)
2.00pm Sergeant Ryker (1968) Courtroom drama starring Lee Marvin. A sergeant is court-martialled for treason during the Korean war (74214)
4.00 The Diamond Trap (1988): A British detective, Twiggy, teams up with two New York policemen to track jewel thieves. With Howard Hesseman and Ed Marinaro (3059)
6.00 The Long Walk Home (1989): Civil rights drama with Whoopi Goldberg and Sissy Spacek (54450)
8.00 Body Slam (1987) Offbeat comedy in which Dirk Benedict tries to promote wrestler Rowdy Roddy Piper as a rock 'n' roll star (55295)
10.00 Coupe de Ville (1991) Three estranged brothers travel from Michigan to Florida in 1963. With Patrick Dempsey, Arye Gross and Daniel Stern (518547)
11.40 Beyond the Valley of the Dolls (1970) A female rock group tries to make it in Hollywood in this vulgar parody by the director Russ Meyer (530586)
1.30am Salt and Pepper (1968). The owners of a Soho nightclub are accused of murder. With Sammy Davis Jr and Peter Lawford (30347642)
3.50 Seeds of Tragedy (1991) Drama-documentary about the harvesting and sale of the drug cocaine (592333) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Young Billy Young (1969): A sheriff, out to avenge his son's murder, becomes a surrogate father to a young gunman. With Robert Mitchum, Robert Walker and Angie Dickinson (81262837)
7.45 Hello, Dolly! (1969). Barbra Streisand plays a matchmaker in this lavish musical With Walter Matthau (27736160)
10.00 Firestarter (1984) Adaptation of Stephen King's novel about a young pyromaniac. With Drew Barrymore and David Keith (826943) Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Last Time I Saw Archie (1961) Comedy with Robert Mitchum and Jack Webb (36450)
8.00 Rumpelstiltskin: Animated version of the children's fairy-tale (59007059)
9.35 Solomon and Sheba (1959). Biblical epic starring Yul Brynner and Gina Lollobrigida (41586837)
12.00 The Treasure (1990) Two boys are chased by villains as they search for buried treasure (90301)
2.00pm Courage of Lassie (1946). The collie returns from the war and is taken under the wing of Elizabeth Taylor (72856)
4.00 Rumpelstiltskin (as 8am) (4301)
6.00 Curly Sue (1991) The tables are turned on a conman and his partner With James Belushi and Kelly Lynch (52092)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (8345437) **7.15** Prime Bodies (483996) **7.45** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (843437) **8.15** Soccer News (9104189) **8.30** Motor World (67011) **9.00** Prime Bodies (58363) **9.30** Major League Baseball (61721) **11.30** Ringside Boxing (16585) **1.30pm** Australian Rugby League (94924) **3.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (9127) **4.00** Lewis v Bruno Weigh-In Live (2100769) **4.45** Netbusters (1532653) **5.00** WWF Challenge (8769) **6.00** Soccer News (314108) **6.15** Lewis v Bruno Weigh-In (537108) **7.00** Boots 'n' All (19301) **8.00** The Boot Room (95721) **9.00** Motor Racing. Portuguese Grand Prix (15585) **10.00** Soccer News (242818) **10.15** Lewis v Bruno Weigh-In (478924) **11.00** Best of British Motorsport (43905) **12.00** Kick-Boxing (54449) **1.00-1.30am** F1 Powerboat Championship. Dutch Grand Prix (79791)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (31160) **8.00** Eurogolf Magazine (32011) **9.00** Hurling (47382) **10.00** Motors Magazine (60672) **11.00** Motor Racing. Portuguese Grand Prix (57108) **12.00** European Cup Football (41059) **2.00** Snooker: World Classics (22924) **3.00** Triathlon (50160) **4.00** Equestrian: Three-Day Event from Burghley (79295) **5.00** Mountainbike Review (3837) **6.00** Rallycross (1739) **6.30** Eurosport News (4059) **7.00** Boxing: Michael Ayres v Faustino Barrios (11769) **8.00** Kick-Boxing (97189) **9.00** European Cup Football (76108) **10.30** ATP Tennis (73672) **11.00** Judo (78547) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (17739)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (8077301) **7.30** Neighbours (8063108) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1792740) **8.30** EastEnders (1791011) **9.00** The Bill (1782363) **9.30** The Onedin Line (1019108) **10.30** Bergerac (2073108) **11.30** Rhoda (6865045) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1702127) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2404127) **1.00** EastEnders (8076672) **1.30** The Bill (2403498) **2.00** For the Love of Ada (5621740) **2.30** You Must Be the Husband (8377214) **3.00** Dallas (2265081) **4.00** Dynasty (3510976) **5.00** Blankety Blank (5612092) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8371030) **6.00** Neighbours (8378943) **6.30** EastEnders (8369295) **7.00** Survivors (3173634) **8.00** For the Love of Ada (5618276) **8.30** You Must Be the Husband (5620011) **9.00** Bergerac (3179818) **10.00** The Bill (1703856) **10.30** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (1789276) **11.00** Top of the Pops 1978 (2891063) **11.45** Dr Who: The Brain of Morbius (1630059) **12.15-2.10am** Film: The Gazebo (1959) Offbeat comedy with Glenn Ford and Debbie Reynolds (8068420)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (795905) **9.00** Jack in the Box (40130) **11.00** Stories Without Words (52419) **11.30** Say Ahhh! Featuring 3-2-1 Contact (48238) **12.00** Fame (48498) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (89818) **3.00** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (8301) **3.30** RatKan II (2081) **4.00** Stunt Dawgs (6818) **4.30-5.00** Little Smarties (8030)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (65127) **7.30** Guts (44634) **8.00** Kid's Court (65382) **8.30** Wild Side Show (65653) **9.00** We All Have Tales (56905) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (83547) **10.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (34769) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (52189) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (68189) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (31653) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales: Sacajawea (87363) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (64498) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (86634) **2.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (6924) **2.30** Junior Story Time (5924) **3.00** Kablooey (5059) **3.30** Out of Control (7769) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (6276) **4.30** Hey Dude (5160) **5.00** Clarissa Explains it All (7276) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (9740) **6.00** Guts (6653)

8.00 Last Prostitute (1991): Two boys travel across America to lose their virginity to the world's most notorious prostitute. With Sonia Braga and Wil Wheaton (64837)
10.00 Strays (1992): A couple's dream house is invaded by wild cats. With Kathleen Quinlan and Timothy Busfield (2911301)
11.25 The Two Jakes (1990): Jack Nicholson returns as private eye Jake Gittes in this sequel to *Chinatown*. With Meg Tilly and Harvey Keitel (75394924)
1.45am The Lookalike (1990): Melissa Gilbert-Brinkman spies a young girl who resembles her dead daughter (367623)
3.20 The Road Home (1989). Donald Sutherland helps disturbed teenager Adam Horovitz (190623) Ends at **5.00**

6.30-7.00 Get the Picture (7905)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (8366108) **4.30** Wild South (8355092) **5.00** Get Wet (5610634) **5.30** Desert Dreams (8379672) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (6588011) **6.50** Anne Martin's Postcards: Vancouver (3144276) **7.00** Islands of the Pacific: Western Samoa (3171276) **8.00** Sportz Crazy (5942045) **8.50** Sports of the World (4123943) **9.00** Submarines, Sharks of Steel (3160160) **10.00** Coral Reef (1701498) **10.30** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient: Malaysia (1787818) **11.00-12.00** The Greenpeace Years: The Next Generation (8051363)

BRAVO

12.00 Undercover (6768905) **12.35pm** Film: Mayerling (1969): An Austrian prince falls in love with a commoner. With Omar Sharif, Catherine Deneuve and Ava Gardner (95505740) **3.00** Bonanza (1116739) **4.00** The New Honeymooners (8353634) **4.30** I Spy (1367498) **5.30** Honey West (8373495) **6.00** Scotland Yard (8363011) **6.30** The Man from Interpol (8354363) **7.00** Dan August (3191030) **8.00** Film: Dance Hall (1950, b/w) starring Diana Dors and Petula Clark (98002547) **9.20** Film: The Cobblers of Umbridge (1972) with Joan Sims and Lance Percival (4637769) **10.00** Film: Caltiki, The Immortal Monster (1959, b/w): An unearthly creature pursues archaeologists. With Didi Sullivan (53478301) **11.25-12.00** The Trial of Daphne Rutledge (4498856)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (8426566) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (1574818) **8.30** Living Daylights (1573189) **9.00** Divorce Court (1597769) **9.30** Hot Topics (7127818) **10.00** What's Up Dr Ruth (4542030) **10.30** Living Extra (1566653) **11.00** Bazaar (3205479) **11.30** Mediterranean Cooking (3206108) **12.00** Practical Living (23761030) **12.15pm** Kilroy (9329295) **1.00** Crosswits (4167382) **1.30** Infatuation (7120906) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (4560059) **3.00** Agony Hour (3200924) **4.00** Crosswits (3672504) **4.30** Infatuation (7272568) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (7951363) **6.00** Your Baby and Child (6927671) **6.30** Delia Smith's Cookery Course 1 (2222063) **7.00** Agony Hour (6696769) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6672189) **9.00** Film: Dinner at Eight (6675276) **11.00** Divorce Court (3280160) **11.30** The All New Dr Ruth Show (4543214) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (2368420)

FAMILY CHANNEL

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MTV

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TV ASIA

6.00am Asian Morning (3685360) **9.30** Gardaab (82011) **10.30** Good Housekeeping (64127) **11.30** TVA and U (21672) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (21045) **12.30pm** Sona Chandi (23189) **1.00** Hindi Film: Hoshiyaar (353943) **4.00** Kiddie Time (11295) **5.00** TVA Dedicated To You (3479) **6.00** Close **7.00** Showtime with TV Asia (17943) **8.00** English News (194011) **8.15** Haveli (612059) **9.00** Hindi Film: The Tiger (818295) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (4767130) **1.00** Hindi Film: Anchon Raat Mein, Diya Tere Haath Mein (2261284) **4.00** Kainaat (41265) **5.00** Sona Chandi (61739) **5.30-6.00** Music (44371)

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Lewis, left, and Bruno come face to face in Cardiff yesterday at a press conference before their world heavyweight championship bout on Saturday

Libel writ the last rite before world title bout

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

A LIBEL writ was served on Lennox Lewis yesterday in the final publicity round for the World Boxing Council heavyweight championship bout between Lewis and Frank Bruno at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday. Bruno's solicitor, Henri Brandman, handed the writ to the champion before the start of the press conference at the Coal Exchange, Cardiff, and Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, promptly tore it up.

The action did not take the Lewis camp by surprise, but it left journalists guessing whether it was a publicity stunt. Brandman insisted it was not.

Brandman said that the writ was served as a result of an alleged libel in *The Observer* newspaper last Sunday in which Lewis was reported to have referred to Bruno as an "Uncle Tom".

"I want to say unconditionally it was not a publicity stunt," Brandman said. "This was seen to be the only realistic opportunity to serve the writ on Lennox Lewis within the jurisdiction."

Brandman said that while the words "Uncle Tom" had been used in other newspapers, it was felt that the reference in *The Observer* was the clearest indication of Lewis's opinion of Bruno.

The champion's millionaire backer, Panos Eliades, laughed off the matter and said it was a cheap publicity stunt. "We knew it was going to come. They wanted to surprise Lennox. The element of surprise is what you go for. If someone suddenly puts a writ in your hand there's a shock, isn't there. That's why we asked them to give it to us before the conference started. This writ won't go any further than today."

The conference itself amounted to little more than the usual threats and counter threats and both contestants predicted an early end to the bout.

The Arms Park has sold around 25,000 tickets for the bout on Saturday. The promoters are hoping for a crowd of around 30,000. No doubt this action will bring in another 5,000 or so.

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Disabled games doubt for Sydney in 2000

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

A FUNDING dispute yesterday cast doubt over whether Sydney would be able to stage the Paralympics in 2000, which have been awarded to the Australian city after its successful bid for the Olympic Games in the same year.

Australia was not officially committed to underwriting the games for the disabled, despite a statement by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) that funding had been settled, John Fahey, the New South Wales premier, said.

The IPC announced on Tuesday in Edmonton, Canada, that Sydney had been chosen to host the games, adding that the New South Wales and federal governments had jointly agreed to bear the costs.

"It is somewhat puzzling for the committee to suggest that the Australian and New South Wales governments had given a commitment to provide certain level of funding to underwrite the Paralympics when no such undertaking has been given," Fahey said in a statement.

Fahey said the only certain funding for the event was Aus$15 million (about £8 million) from the Sydney Olympic bid committee. The event has a total budget of about A$85 million (about £36.6 million).

Australia will send a record number of athletes to Olympic Games in 1996 in Atlanta in an attempt to maximise its medal haul in Sydney four years later, Perry Crosswhite, the executive director of the Australian Olympic Committee, said yesterday. The move was aimed at giving younger competitors experience before the 2000 Games, Crosswhite said.

"Younger athletes who might be on the borderline for selection would be given the benefit of the doubt," he said. "Previously, we have only taken those we believe are capable of making the finals."

Australia's team for the 1996 Olympics is likely to number about 400 athletes and 200 officials. The original estimate for Atlanta before Sydney's capture last week of the 2000 Olympics, was 310 athletes and 160 officials, only a slight increase on the numbers who competed in Barcelona last year.

Rangers sunk by last-minute goal

Levski Sofia 2
Rangers 1
(4-4 on agg; Levski win on away goals)

FROM RODDY FORSYTH IN SOFIA

RANGERS, who reached the brink of the European Cup final last season, were eliminated at the first hurdle of the same competition here last night by a goal scored in the final minute of the second leg of the tie. The goal levelled the scores at 4-4 but Levski Sofia advanced on the strength of the two away goals they scored in Glasgow.

The Scottish champions seemed to have done enough to reach the second round as the clock wound down, but a hopeful 25-yard shot from Todorov from 25 yards took a deflection and crashed into the back of the Rangers goal, leaving Maxwell helpless. Only two minutes before Borimorov had wasted a more likely chance when his low cross was cut off by McPherson.

However diffident Levski may have appeared in the first leg at Ibrox, it was apparent from the start that they would be radically different prospects on their own ground. The Bulgarian champions are normally watched by crowds of around 4,000, but the Georghi Asparakouv stadium was filled to its 50,000 capacity for this game.

Levski had also taken steps to remedy their deficiencies in two key areas of the team. Morgun, the goalkeeper who was repeatedly exposed at Ibrox, was replaced by the less temperamental Nikolov, while the experienced Bulgarian international forward, Sirakov, returned to sharpen Levski's sense of direction in attack.

Rangers showed their hand first when a clever move linking Steven, Hateley and Hagen forced an early corner kick which proved unproductive, and they looked even more dangerous a few moments later when a drive by Steven rebounded from a defender's boot.

This encouraging start was, however, immediately tempered for Rangers by evidence of Levski's ability to break from a deep defensive position, and Sirakov was brought into play when he chased a through ball that Maxwell only narrowly reached first to boot clear into the stand.

The game set off into a pattern of patiently constructed build-ups by Rangers countered by swift thrusts from Levski as they searched for the goal that would give them an aggregate advantage.

Their wishes were fulfilled nine minutes before half-time when Sirakov found himself in possession 12 yards out from the Rangers goal. Wishart was positioned between the Bulgarian forward and the target, but an astute swivel by Sirakov turned the Rangers defender, and the finishing shot swept past Maxwell low into the corner of the net.

Rangers were visibly shaken by this turn of events, but immediately almost drew level when Hateley broke to the left and directed a fierce cross into the area, forcing Nikolov to dive bravely at the feet of Hagen and punch the ball clear from the Scot's boot.

As half-time approached Rangers became increasingly anxious to score the goal their outfield play merited, but they left themselves alarmingly open at the back and only an alert interception by Ferguson prevented Todorov from bearing down unchecked upon Maxwell for what would surely have been a decisive second goal for the Bulgarians.

As it was, Rangers equalised with an astonishing goal two minutes before half-time. From a free kick on the right, Stevens sent a deep, high cross towards the far post, where with the Bulgarian defence distracted by Hateley, Durrant was able to make an unexpected blindside run. He arrived at the post just as Nikolov realised the danger, but Durrant's header skidded off the woodwork and ricocheted off the goalkeeper into the net. The second half began with the game as open as it had been in the first period and Maxwell rescued his side when Todorov broke clear and attempted a drive from six yards which rebounded from the goalkeeper's body and beyond the goal for a corner.

LEVSKI SOFIA (4-4-2): P Nikolov — A Markov, G Slavychev, G Houbtchev, E Kesmenliev — T Tzvetanov, N Todorov, D Borimirov, Z Yankov — N Sirakov, R Ivanov

RANGERS (4-4-2): A Maxwell — G Stevens, R Gough, D McPherson, F Wishart — S McCall, T Steven, I Ferguson, I Durrant — M Hateley, D Hagen.

☐ Cork City did everything but score as their brave European Cup venture ended with a 1-0 home defeat by Galatasaray last night to go out 3-1 on aggregate. Kubilay, Turkey's most expensive footballer, scored the goal in the 76th minute.

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Japan refuses to be thrown by blues bothers

John Goodbody on the issue that has outraged traditionalists at the world judo championships

THE Japanese may have lost their dominance of international judo competitions but they still jealously guard the tradition of the sport they invented. This week, they won the first contest of the world championships, which begin today in Hamilton, Canada, by securing the vote not to have different coloured kits at future global events, including the 1996 Olympic Games.

Judogi, the pyjama-like suits fighters wear, are traditionally white, but at the 1988 European championships, one competitor in each fight wore a blue suit to help officials, spectators and particularly television, identify the individual fighters in the hurly-burly of a contest.

The Japanese were outraged, having stubbornly resisted the change for years. In 1975, Isao Okano, the national team manager, and founder of the *sekijuku* (true meaning) training centre, was pictured in a French magazine alongside Anton Geesink, the 19st Dutchman who broke Japan's domination of the sport. The pair were wearing different coloured kits.

Despite being the finest trainer in Japan, Okano was eased from the team manager's job, and has not held an important post since.

With the 1995 world championships to be held in Tokyo, the Japanese fought with cunning and determination to avoid having different coloured suits in the home of the sport.

They collected 5,261 second-hand white kits from clubs and universities and sent packages of them to underdeveloped countries for their national teams. George Kerr, chairman of the British Judo Association, said: "They were trying to influence the vote."

The Japanese succeeded. Although 75 countries are taking part in these world championships, a further 65 have sent delegates with proxy votes to the congress of the International Judo Federation. The motion to introduce different coloured kits from 1995 was defeated by 92 votes to 52. Many of the delegates argued that their national teams could not afford to buy extra blue kits at £60 each.

"Every sport in the Olympic Games has changed," Kerr said. "Judo has to fall into line. Even Jigoro Kano, the founder of judo, is pictured in a film wearing a *hakama* (black skirt) when demonstrating moves." Michel Vial, the French federation president, added: "If we do not change, judo will disappear from the television screens."

Angelo Parisi, a former competitor who won Olympic medals for both Britain and France, said: "Seeing competitors wearing a blue suit was a shock at the beginning. But something new always shocks. In the beginning, I was against it. Now I do not care."

Neil Adams, the Great Britain coach, said that he would eventually like to see each country fighting in its individual colours, as occurs in other sports. "It would be a good marketing opportunity," he added.

The Japanese seem resigned to the inevitable, in spite of their victory here. Katsuhiko Kashiwazaki, the former world champion, said: "We do not like it because it is against tradition. However, a few young people have different views. In 20 years' time, there will be blue suits at major events."

The change may come sooner than that. The European countries are now planning to match the Japanese by collecting second-hand white suits, dyeing them blue, sending them to underdeveloped countries, and then putting another proposal to the congress in Tokyo in 1995.

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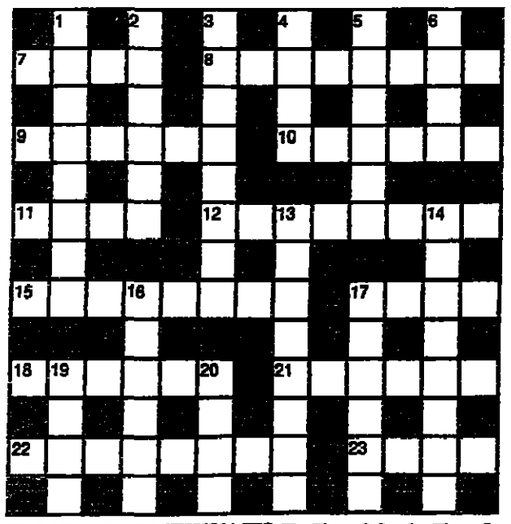
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ACROSS

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8 Fresh support (3,5)
9 Column (6)
10 Cup (6)
11 Baking compartment (4)
12 Greek god of wine (8)
15 Play introduction (8)
17 Original London (4)
18 Roman farming god (6)
21 Put on oath (6)
22 Exaggerated masculinity (3)
23 Rich soil

DOWN

1 Faith holder (8)
2 Flower grains (6)
3 Beneath one's dignity (5,3)
4 Tease (4)
5 Marked by killings (6)
6 Nonsense (4)
13 Beethoven 9th Symph finale (3,2,3)
14 Bounder (5,3)
16 Disreputable (6)
17 Wheedle (6)
19 Riding horse (4)
20 Tables set (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3212

ACROSS: 1 Socks 4 Titular 8 Confusion 9 VIP 10 Ear 11 Dissuaded 12 Felon 13 Imply 16 Acrobatic 18 Rif 20 Hog 21 Aggressor 22 Reredos 23 Kedge

DOWN: 1 Sycee 2 Central 3 Sounding board 4 Thirst 5 Tongue in cheek 6 Livid 7 Rapidly 12 Feather 14 Perused 15 Stages 17 Roger 19 Force

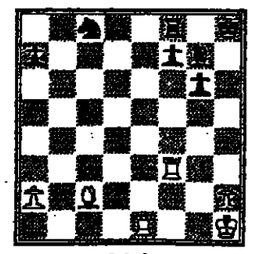
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Alekhine - Bogolyubov, World Championship 1929.

With a rook against a knight and pawn, White has a small material advantage, but one would expect a long struggle for him to win. However, White spotted a way to increase this plus to decisive proportions. What did he play?



An incorrect chess board was published in yesterday's Winning Move puzzle. We apologise for the error.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ABACINATION
a. An imaginative leap
b. Blinding by hot irons
c. A national census

BONGRE
a. A West African hip drum
b. The Moroccan tarboosh
c. Agreeably

TELEARCH
a. A Theban magistrate
b. A Byzantine chamberlain
c. The headstone of an arch

UMBO
a. One or other of two
b. Hip gout
c. The boss

Answers on page 43